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LETTER DATED 24 JUNE 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

That the distinguished Ambassador Rossides in his letter of 23 June 1966 to Your Excellency (S/7374) would find amusement in the ludicrous "war of the maps" which has already been effectively squelched in the past is no one's business. But that he should continue to exploit the time and services of the international Secretariat for such spurious propaganda indicates a large measure of irresponsibility which concerns the public.

This delegation can only find gratification in the gratuitous publicity for the touristic attractions of Turkey which is a marginal benefit derived from Ambassador Rossides's ill-advised frivolity.

As for the allegations of expansionist intent, by now every single person who has even vaguely heard of the question of Cyprus knows that the Greek-Cypriot Administration which has welcomed an army of occupation from Greece on the soil of Cyprus and which has placed its own armed forces under foreign command is nothing but the local agent of Hellenic expansionism.

That Ambassador Rossides should resort to this sort of trifling at this particular time is itself significant. Public opinion has just been barely alerted to the most recent repressive and irresponsible measures of the Greek-Cypriot leadership, namely, the recurrent short-lived blockade of the Turkish sector of Nicosia between 20 June and 23 June. This inhuman measure which is another instance of the Greek-Cypriot's utter disregard for the call of the Security Council for restraint was only lifted after Your Excellency's considerate and timely intervention. Ambassador Rossides's letter must have been intended as a beating of drums to drown the unpleasant noises.

I would be grateful if Your Excellency would kindly have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

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to the United Nations

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