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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I wish to inform the members of the Security Council that on 2 March 1966, after having informed the parties directly concerned, I sent the following message to Mr. Carlos A. Bernardes, my Special Representative in Cyprus:

"As you know, my efforts to bring about a resumption of the mediation function in Cyprus have not as yet met with success. I am, of course, continuing these efforts. At the same time, I do not believe that there should be any interruption in the exploration of all possibilities which might prove helpful in the Cyprus situation.

"Therefore, having in mind the fine rapport you have established and maintain with all of the parties directly concerned, I authorize you, in your capacity as my Special Representative in Cyprus, to employ your good offices and make such approaches to the parties in or outside the island of Cyprus, as may seem to you to be likely to be productive, in the sense of achieving in the first instance discussions at any level of problems and issues of either a purely local or a broader nature.

"I feel confident that this added responsibility will not unduly burden you under prevailing conditions in Cyprus.

"It goes without saying that your activities under these broader instructions are without prejudice to the mediation function as envisaged in the Security Council resolution.

"You will, of course, keep me informed as usual. I have informed the representatives of Cyprus, Greece and Turkey of my intention to broaden your responsibilities as indicated above, and I am sure that we may count on the co-operation of those Governments in your forthcoming efforts.

"It is my intention to inform the Security Council of this step, possibly by including the text of this message in my next report."
