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LETTER DATED 12 MAY 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GREECE
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 25 March 1966, addressed by the Permanent Representative of Turkey to Your Excellency, and which was circulated as document S/7223 of the Security Council.

In that letter, an allegation was made to the effect that on 23 February 1966, at 10.30 hours, a Greek infantry patrol opened fire against a Turkish reconnaissance aircraft flying over Turkish territory in the vicinity of Karagaç.

I have been instructed by my Government to inform Your Excellency that a very careful investigation was undertaken by the competent Greek authorities and that it was established that no Greek infantry patrol, or any other Greek military unit opened fire against any Turkish aircraft, as alleged.

I would also like to inform Your Excellency that the overflight of the region of Karagaç by the said Turkish reconnaissance aircraft, as indicated in the letter of the Permanent Representative of Turkey, constitutes a violation of article 3 of the treaty concerning the frontiers of Thrace signed at Lausanne on 24 July 1923, and which expressly forbids any aircraft to overfly the demilitarized region that extends at a depth of thirty kilometres on either side of the Greco-Turkish frontier.

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

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Alexis S. LIATIS, Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Greece
to the United Nations
