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LETTER DATED 11 JULY 1966 FROM THE ACTING REPRESENTATIVE OF GREECE
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to the letter dated 2 May 1966 addressed to Your Excellency by the Permanent Representative of Turkey (document S/7276), concerning the alleged violation of Turkish territorial waters by a Greek armed vessel, I would like to bring to your knowledge the following information which was communicated to this Mission by the Greek Government.

On 16 March 1966, the Greek mine-sweeper "Leros" was trying to retrieve the nets and other fishing equipment of the Greek fishing boat "Aghia Paraskevi" in the region of Inoussai, when a storm broke out and forced the ship to give up the search. The "Aghia Paraskevi" had lost her nets and equipment the day before while she was being pursued by a Turkish patrol launch in Greek territorial waters.

The Greek mine-sweeper did not penetrate into Turkish waters, nor did she chase the Turkish launch as alleged in the letter of the Permanent Representative of Turkey. The Turkish patrol launch J.10, however, was sighted by the crew of the "Leros" on the same day, at 16.00 hours, and was observed navigating in a south-easterly direction through Greek territorial waters.

The Greek Government, therefore, has rejected the Turkish protest concerning the so-called violation of Turkish territorial waters by a Greek vessel. It has also been obliged to lodge a protest with the Turkish Government for the two violations of Greek territorial waters described above.

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

Please accept, etc.

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