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LETTER DATED 28 JANUARY 1966 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
TO GOVERNMENTS CONTAINING A FURTHER APPEAL FOR VOLUNTARY
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS
FORCE IN CYPRUS

I have the honour to draw the attention of your Government to the fact that by operative paragraph 2 of its resolution 219 (1965) of 17 December 1965, ofwhich a copy is attached,^{1/} the Security Council has extended for an additional period of three months, ending 26 March 1966, the presence of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus. It will be recalled that operative paragraph 6 of the Security Council resolution of 4 March 1964 provides that all costs pertaining to the Force are to be met, in a manner to be agreed upon by them, by the Governments providing the contingents and by the Government of Cyprus, with the provision that voluntary contributions for that purpose may be accepted by the Secretary-General.

In this connexion I may refer to my letter of 28 October 1965 in which I described the serious gap which existed between the estimated costs of the Force and the amounts pledged up to that date and I appealed urgently for voluntary contributions to cover this deficit.

In paragraphs 192-200 of my report of 10 December 1965 to the Security Council (S/7001), I again drew attention to the continuing critical financial situation of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus and pointed out that the failure to obtain sufficient financial support for the Force was a matter of grave concern not only to me but to the Governments which have provided men, material and services to the Force on the understanding that they will be reimbursed by the Organization for such of their extra costs that they cannot bear at their own expense.

1/ The text of the resolution is reproduced in document S/RES/219(1965).

The deficit in the account of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus amounted to approximately \$6 million as of 26 December 1965. The cost for extending the Force for an additional period of three months, from that date until 26 March 1966, is estimated at approximately \$6 million, including costs of repatriation. Firm pledges for \$1 million only have so far been made for the current three-month period. Therefore, a sum of approximately \$11 million will be required if all financial obligations relating to the Force are to be fully met.

It is for the above-mentioned reasons that I am once again urgently appealing to Governments to respond promptly and generously to this request for voluntary contributions to provide the necessary financial support for the United Nations Peace-keeping Operation in Cyprus.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) U THANT

