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LETTER DATED 13 DECEMBER 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
TURKEY ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to submit enclosed the text of a message, addressed to
Your Excellency, by Dr. Fazil Kuchuk, Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus.

I would be much obliged if Your Excellency would kindly have the text of
this message circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Turkey
to the United Nations

Excellency,

The Greek members of the House of Representatives have again, in flagrant violation of the Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus, passed a law which envisages the establishment of a new commission consisting of a chairman and four members to be appointed by the President of Republic. This commission is to replace the existing Public Service Commission of the Republic which comprised seven Greek and three Turkish members appointed jointly by the President and the Vice-President of the Republic under article 124 of the Constitution. The law in question provides also that the decisions of the commission will be taken by a majority vote. This means the abolition of the constitutional provision (paragraph 3 of article 125) which provides that decisions of the Public Service Commission relating to the appointment and promotion of Turks and to other matters such as disciplinary action involving Turkish members of the public service, have to be taken by such majority vote including the votes of at least two Turkish members of the Commission. This provision was included in the Constitution specifically for the purpose of safeguarding the rights and interests of the Turkish members of the public service and its abolition is tantamount to leaving Turkish members of the public service without any safeguard and guarantee, i.e., at the mercy of the Greeks. Having regard to the numerous injustices committed against Turks, even when the Public Service Commission functioned with its Turkish members present, I need not stress here to what length the Commission, as constituted under the law in question, will go in abusing their powers in matters of appointment, promotion and disciplinary action involving nearly 3,000 Turkish members of the public service of the Republic who for the last two years have been prevented from attending their offices in the Greek sectors, through use of arms, threats, intimidation, pressure, oppression and imposition of various untenable conditions, and who have been deprived of all their rights including their pay and other benefits.

No doubt this action of the Greeks is of such nature as to tend to worsen the situation in Cyprus still further. In the circumstances, it is contrary to the resolution of the Security Council which called upon all the parties to refrain from taking any action which is likely to worsen the situation.

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I shall, therefore, be grateful if you will bring this matter to the attention of the honourable members of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

Dr. Fazil Kuchuk
Vice-President
of the Republic of Cyprus

Nicosia, 12 December 1965
