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LETTER DATED 4 NOVEMBER 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF TURKEY ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request Your Excellency to call an immediate emergency meeting of the Security Council in order to consider the extremely dangerous and explosive situation created by a new Greek Cypriot armed attack which at the moment is in progress against the Turkish quarter of the port city of Famagusta.

According to the information reaching us from Cyprus, this is a full-scale attack sustained by all kinds of heavy weapons. The Greek Cypriots have, this morning, issued an ultimatum to the Turkish Cypriot leaders in Famagusta demanding the evacuation and surrendering to them of a Turkish-owned and civilian-occupied building in front of the Turkish Cypriot High School outside the walled city by 1600 hours local time. At that time, the Greek attack was launched simultaneously against the building and the Turkish quarter and suburbs of Famagusta.

This new Greek Cypriot offensive is in flagrant violation of the Security Council resolutions of 4 March 1964 and 10 August 1965. It is also contrary to the cease-fire agreement concluded between the Turkish and Greek communities under the auspices of UNFICYP on 15 May 1964.

All indications point to the fact that this new Greek Cypriot offensive is part of a planned effort on an island-wide scale to extend the unconstitutional authority of the Greek Cypriot régime in order to impose a solution based on fait-accomplis upon the other parties to the dispute and specifically upon the Turkish community of Cyprus.

It will be recalled from press releases issued by the United Nations and the Turkish Permanent Mission that sporadic firing had broken out during the night of 2 November in the Sakaria sector of Famagusta and that UNFICYP posts in the area had been obliged to withdraw. This firing had been instigated by a Greek

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Cypriot patrol unit which had advanced towards the Turkish sector in violation of the cease-fire agreement and according to information obtained from UNFICYP sources, despite the objection and warnings of the local UNFICYP officer.

The fighting in this sector was stopped through UNFICYP representations. Nevertheless the Greek Cypriots resumed their fire several hours after this incident and deliberately extended it to other areas of the city which is a clear indication that the whole operation is pre-planned and ties in with their island-wide policy referred to above.

All the Turkish quarters and suburbs of the city have been sealed off, their electricity and water supply and communication with the outside suspended. The Turkish Cypriot population of the city remained without any bread for the last twenty-four hours.

The situation in Famagusta is extremely grave as the Greek Cypriot aggressive forces are being reinforced by armed personnel and armour dispatched from other parts of the island. It is imperative to bring this Greek Cypriot offensive to an immediate end and secure observance and adherence to the cease-fire agreement of 15 May 1964. Any delay would in all probability result in an extension of the hostilities and unforeseen consequences.

Please accept, etc.

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to the United Nations

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