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LETTER DATED 15 JULY 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CYPRUS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to furnish herebelow, for the information of the members of the Security Council, the text of a note delivered by the Government of Cyprus to the Turkish Embassy in Nicosia on 14 July 1964:

"The Government of Cyprus has been watching with increasing concern the continuous attempts made by Turkey to smuggle arms and military personnel from Turkey into Cyprus. It is in its knowledge that such clandestine landings of regulars have been made on an increasing scale in recent weeks under the cover of darkness for unknown reasons. The fact that Turkish troops have been sent to Cyprus has been officially admitted by Turkey on 11 July 1964 through a spokesman in Ankara who added that Turkey had been forced to take this 'regrettable step' because of repeated provocations by the Greek Cypriot leaders. On the same day a spokesman of the United Nations International Force in Cyprus confirmed the report and stated that the UNFICYP was aware of the presence in the Island of people not of Turkish Cypriot origin who have received military training in Turkey and added that 'several hundreds landed in Cyprus during recent weeks'. This confirmation from United Nations quarters was repeated firmly when two days later the Turkish Government saw fit to officially deny its original statement. To this denial the Cyprus Government attaches no value inasmuch as concrete evidence in its hands leaves no room for doubt either about the infiltration of Turkish troops in the Island or about the purpose of their secret landing, which is to strengthen the Turkish rebellion against the State and thereby hinder the pacification efforts of the UNFICYP. The Cyprus Government wishes to draw the attention of the Turkish Government that it considers these illegal landings of Turkish troops as an act of aggression against the independence and territorial integrity of Cyprus and as constituting a flagrant and provocative violation of the resolutions of the Security Council on Cyprus. It is noted that these secret landings of Turkish troops follow the continuous threats of invasion directed against Cyprus made on innumerable occasions by Turkey and are taking place at a time when every effort is being made by the United Nations and the Cyprus Government to bring about peace in the Island.

"In the face of such acts on the part of Turkey tending to create a very dangerous situation in the Island and to provoke an even wider conflict, the Cyprus Government wishes to warn Turkey that it will not tolerate the

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presence of these troops which it considers as invaders on its territory and therefore unless measures are taken for their immediate withdrawal they will be dealt with accordingly."

Your Excellency is kindly requested to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

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Cyprus to the United Nations

