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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Further to the note (S/5954) submitted to the members of the Security Council on 10 September 1964, the Secretary-General wishes to bring to the attention of the Council the following note verbale, dated 11 September 1964, from the Secretary-General addressed to the Permanent Representative of Turkey, submitting to the Permanent Representative a memorandum on the situation which has arisen concerning the Kokkina area.

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Secretary-General addressed to the Permanent  
Representative of Turkey

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to his memorandum of 10 September 1964 which, in view of its nature and implications, the Secretary-General has deemed advisable to bring to the attention of the members of the Security Council in an official document (S/5954). In this connexion, the Secretary-General  
..... wishes to submit to the Permanent Representative the attached memorandum on the situation which has arisen concerning the Kokkina area.

The Secretary-General avails himself of this opportunity to express to the Permanent Representative of Turkey the assurances of his highest consideration.

1. The Security Council resolution of 9 August 1964 (S/5868) reaffirmed the appeal of the President of the Council to the Government of Turkey to cease instantly bombardment and the use of military force of any kind against Cyprus, and to the Government of Cyprus to order the armed forces under its control to cease firing immediately. The Council's resolution called for an immediate cease-fire by all concerned and called upon them to co-operate fully with the United Nations Commander in the restoration of peace and security. The subsequent Council consensus of 11 August requested the parties to comply with the resolution in its entirety, asked all governments to stop all flights over the territory of Cyprus in violation of its sovereignty, and requested the Force Commander to supervise the cease-fire and to reinforce its units in the zones which had been the sphere of recent military operations, so as to ensure the safety of the inhabitants. These texts contained no reference to any understanding such as is mentioned in paragraph 1 of the memorandum of the Permanent Representative of Turkey. Implementation of the resolutions of the Security Council and of the Council consensus of 11 August cannot be made contingent on compliance by the parties with any provisions extraneous to these texts.

2. The Special Representative of the Secretary-General and the Force Commander have made repeated representations to the Government of Cyprus on the subject of economic restrictions imposed by that Government which have caused hardship to the Turkish community. UNFICYP action in this connexion, and assistance rendered by it in the implementation of understandings reached for the lessening of restrictions, must, of course, not be construed as agreement by UNFICYP to any restrictive measures or in particular to the amounts of food and other supplies being allowed into the restricted areas. UNFICYP will continue to use its good offices and to offer its assistance in facilitating the transport and distribution of foodstuffs to Turkish Cypriot areas where restrictions are applied by the Government.

3. According to information received from UNFICYP, the situation in regard to food and other essential supplies in the Kokkina area is as follows:

(a) Between 9 August and 8 September, two consignments were brought into the area containing the following supplies: 7,644 lbs. flour, 1,988 lbs. beans, 168 lbs. meat, 1,596 lbs. margarine, 224 lbs. sugar, 140 lbs. salt, 6,048 lbs. liquid milk, 40 tins tomato paste, 471 cases of soap, 693 gallons of cooking kercsene. These supplies were furnished by the Red Crescent Society.

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(b) A third consignment, which arrived in the Kokkina area on 9 September, consisted of the following: 4,500 lbs. of flour, 450 lbs. of beans, 765 lbs. of cooking oil (margarine in lieu of cooking oil), 120 lbs. of sugar, 300 lbs. of salt, 210 lbs. of milk powder, 64 gallons of cooking kerosene.

(c) Moreover, villagers at Kokkina gave information to the UNFICYP senior medical officer, who visited the area on 8 September, which seemed to indicate that in addition to food supplies and other goods coming in through regular channels, other supplies had also been entering the area. The medical officer personally observed one ton of potatoes, over and above the consignments mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above, entering the village in his presence, and learned that other shipments had been received two days before. The medical officer reported that the health and general condition of the inhabitants, including children, was fairly satisfactory, that the over-all situation as regards supplies in Kokkina was not one of great hardship, and that for the moment there was no question of the population facing starvation.

(d) The above information, of course, does not constitute an assessment of the quantity of food stocks in Kokkina, since the local leaders have understandably refused to disclose that.

4. The Secretary-General has noted that "Turkey will undertake to deliver food supplies and other necessities" to people in the Kokkina area, that the United Nations will be informed of the dates on which such deliveries are to be made; that the Turkish Government agrees to UNFICYP control of such deliveries in order to ascertain that they consist of vital provisions and not of weapons or military supplies; and that the Turkish Government hopes that UNFICYP will lend its effective assistance in order that this urgent and humanitarian aid may be carried out without serious complications.

5. As stated in paragraph 2 above, UNFICYP will continue to extend its good offices to help achieve an adequate distribution of available supplies, and will continue to assist in the implementation of agreed plans for bringing aid to the population, on a humanitarian basis, and with a view to contributing to a relaxation of tension and to the maintenance of law and order.

6. It is clear, however, that in order to make possible such UNFICYP assistance, any plans by the Turkish Government for bringing supplies into Cypriot territory

must have the consent of the Cyprus Government. The Secretary-General must draw attention to the possible dangerous consequences of any attempt to bring materials or supplies into Cypriot territory on any other basis. His Special Representative and the Force Commander are prepared to make their good offices available in this connexion.

7. By its resolution of 9 August, the Security Council, in calling for a cease-fire, called upon all States to refrain from any action that might exacerbate the situation or contribute to the broadening of hostilities. The Secretary-General is confident that there will be continued compliance by the Governments concerned with this resolution and preceding Security Council resolutions on the Cyprus question.

