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LETTER DATED 2 OCTOBER 1964 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF GREECE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Further to previous communications of this Mission (documents S/5844 and S/5933) regarding arbitrary measures taken by the Turkish Government in the islands of Imvros (Imroz) and Tenedos (Boszada), with the aim of abolishing the Minority educational system provided for in the Treaty of Lausanne of 24 July 1923, I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention the following:

According to available information the Turkish authorities recently seized the only existing Greek school in the island of Tenedos, turned it into gendarmerie barracks, and transferred the students to a Turkish school. Furthermore, and in spite of the fact that the Greek private schools are officially recognized as equivalent to Turkish public schools, the students were put in the same form from which they had already graduated last year, thus losing one full year of studies.

This new development contradicts the argument advanced by the Permanent Representative of Turkey (document S/5957) that the recent measures were taken in order to improve the standard of education of the Greek population of the islands. On the contrary, it proves that they are aimed at destroying the Greek educational institutions, in direct violation of articles 40 and 41 of the Treaty of Lausanne (24 July 1923).

I should be grateful to Your Excellency if you would have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.,

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