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LETTER DATED 9 APRIL 1965 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A. I. OF GREECE
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to the letter dated 23 March 1965, of the Permanent Representative of Turkey (S/6254), I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention the following:

In the afternoon of 17 March 1965, the Royal Hellenic Navy's destroyer "Leon" (No. 54) was sailing to the port of Pythagoreion, along the eastern coast of the island of Samos and, of course, within Greek territorial waters.

At 15.20 hours, a Turkish craft, sailing in Greek waters was spotted. Taking it for a fishing boat, H.H.M.S. "Leon" approached it. However, when it was realized that the craft was a cargo motor ship, in innocent passage through Greek waters, the Greek destroyer turned away and sailed on to Pythagoreion.

A scrutiny of H.H.M.S. "Leon's" course has shown that at no time was the destroyer outside Greek waters.

It is furthermore to be noted that point 37° 44' 00" North 27° 12' 00" East, mentioned in Ambassador Eralp's letter lies some four nautical miles from the course followed by H.H.M.S. "Leon".

I shall be obliged if Your Excellency would kindly have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Alexandre DEMETROPOULOS
Minister Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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