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LETTER DATED 24 FEBRUARY 1964 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

It is with the deepest concern that I would like to draw Your Excellency's attention to the tragic plight of the 700 Turkish Cypriots who were driven out of their homes at gunpoint by Greek Cypriot irregulars and the so-called security forces on 12 February. These unfortunate people were later forced inside a school building in the village of Polis where they were surrounded and trapped for days without food or medical supplies.

As Your Excellency is aware the Press gave wide coverage to this latest brutal act, one of many committed by the Greek Cypriots since violence erupted on the island. Despite eyewitness reports on the Polis incident, the Cypriot delegation continues to claim that the situation in the village of Polis is normal. This is not the first time that the Cypriot delegation, in utter disregard of the truth, has distorted and falsified the events that are taking place on Cyprus to suit their own sinister aim.

While the Security Council is trying to find a peaceful solution to the situation in Cyprus, 700 Turkish Cypriots are still trapped and are being attacked intermittently by armed Greek Cypriot bands. As late as this weekend the international Press and other news media reported that these unfortunate people were still surrounded and were being terrorized by heavily armed Greek Cypriots.

I would like to draw Your Excellency's attention to this recent inhuman incident which is viewed by my Government with the gravest concern.

I request Your Excellency to be good enough to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Vahap ASIROGLU
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of Turkey to the United Nations

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