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LETTER DATED 26 FEBRUARY 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF CYPRUS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

In his letter of 24 February 1964, addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/5559), the Acting Representative of Turkey, obviously trying to impress by vehemence in expression, narrates a tale of seige and hardship involving 700 Turkish Cypriots living in the village of Polis. Mr. Asiroglu's professed alarm is totally unwarranted by the facts of the situation. The simple truth is that nothing extraordinary is happening in Polis.

In this connexion, allow me to supply below the text of an official report received from the Foreign Ministry of Cyprus on 17 February, and circulated as a press release. It runs as follows:

"Reports that seven hundred Turks surrounded by Greeks in school in Polis are completely unfounded. Situation in Polis normal. Today, United Nations Representative, General Gyani, visited Polis and stated in press conference that 'no special situation exists in Polis'."

Since then the situation continues normal.

Your Excellency is kindly requested to circulate this letter as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Zenon ROSSIDES  
Permanent Representative of Cyprus  
to the United Nations

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