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LETTER DATED 19 MARCH 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF CYPRUS ADDRESSED TO THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to bring to the attention of the members of the Council the following information which gives the true version of the events leading to the clashes today in the Morphou-Xeros area:

For several days armed Turks blocked the main road leading to the loading facilities of the mining companies in the Morphou-Xeros area and have paralysed free communications in the region. The matter had been repeatedly reported to the Liaison Committee in which Turkish representatives also participate, but the roadblocks were not removed. This morning Cyprus Government police from Morphou prepared to restore free movement by inviting, through a loudspeaker, the armed Turkish Cypriots manning the roadblock to withdraw it. The latter's reply, shortly after, was by firing from several armed posts in the Turkish village of Gazivera and the flare-up was generalized. By midday a ceasefire was arranged and now the economically vital Nicosia-Xeros road is open.

Your Excellency is kindly requested to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

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