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LETTER DATED 14 APRIL 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 Security Council the fact that Turkish Cypriot terrorism is again on a rampage. According to official information just received from Cyprus, earlier today, without any provocation, Turkish rebels occupying strong points behind the Green Line in Nicosia, launched an indiscriminate barrage of fire against the Greek quarters of the city and surrounding suburbs.

This attack resulted in three Greek Cypriot casualties. Stavros Demetriou, aged 42, while on a shopping errand was killed in his car outside a store, and Christina Louca and Joseph François were wounded the first one while on her house terrace and the second while unsuspectingly standing outside the market.

It is worth noting that the fire of the Turkish terrorists was directed against innocent shoppers in the main shopping centre of Nicosia along Ledra Street. Other targets were a group of labourers working in the backyard of the Ledra Palace Hotel, the Severis Industrial Plant, and the localities of Neapolis and Osorphita. Moreover, what constituted a particularly criminal act was the wanton firing from the minaret of a mosque against a doctor's clinic (Dr. Pierides'), thus endangering the life of the patients.

Following United Nations intervention at mid-day the firing ceased.

In a parallel action the Turkish insurgents in the Kyrenia range continued their attack against the Greek Villages of Karmi and Dhikomo.

This latest outburst of Turkish Cypriot criminal activity, placing, as it does, the United Nations Peace Keeping mission in jeopardy, invites the condemnation of all who are interested in the cessation of the bloodshed and the restoration of law and order in Cyprus.

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

Please accept, Excellency, etc.

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United Nations

