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LETTER DATED 1 JUNE 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
TURKEY ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit enclosed herewith the copy of a telegram addressed to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations by Dr. Fazıl Küçük, Vice-President of Cyprus. Dr. Küçük was not allowed to send this telegram through the postal services of Cyprus at Nicosia and it was, therefore, sent to this Mission to be forwarded to its destination.

I will be obliged to Your Excellency if you will kindly circulate the text of this telegram as a document of the Security Council.

I avail myself of this opportunity, etc.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Turkey to the United Nations

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THE BARBARISM OF CYPRIOT GREEKS AND THEIR VIOLATION OF ALL PRINCIPLES OF HUMANITY AND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS HAVE ASSUMED UNBEARABLE PROPORTIONS. ON TOP OF THEIR REFUSAL TO INDICATE THE MASS GRAVES OF TURKS WHOM THEY HAVE BURIED AFTER MURDERING THEM IN COLD BLOOD, THE GREEKS NOW REFUSE TO ALLOW UNITED NATIONS TROOPS TO COLLECT BODIES OF TURKS KILLED IN ACTION.

FOR NOW MORE THAN A WEEK WE ARE TRYING TO RECOVER BODIES OF TWO TURKS WHO HAD BEEN KILLED ON KYRENIA HILLS WHILST DEFENDING THE APPROACHES TO CERTAIN TURKISH VILLAGES. THESE BODIES HAVE NOW DECOMPOSED AND ARE BEING DEVoured BY VULTURES. A UNITED NATIONS CONVOY WHICH TRIED TO GO TO THE AREA TO COLLECT THESE BODIES CAME UNDER HEAVY FIRE BY GREEKS. THIS IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH ANY PRINCIPLE OF ANY VALUE AND SHOWS CLEARLY THAT THE RESPONSIBLE GREEKS NO LONGER HAVE IN THEM EVEN AN IOTA OF HUMANITY.

IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THE UNITED NATIONS AUTHORITIES IN CYPRUS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE FROM THE GREEKS TO COLLECT DEAD BODIES OF TURKS KILLED WHILST DEFENDING THEMSELVES AND THEIR VILLAGES. IN THE FACE OF THE GREEK REFUSAL TO SHOW ANY HUMAN DECENCY IN THIS RESPECT, IT IS VERY SAD INDEED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS IS UTTERLY HELPLESS IN BRINGING THE GREEKS TO THEIR SENSES. I APPEAL TO YOU MOST URGENTLY TO USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES TO PUT A DEFINITE END TO ALL SUCH ABOMINABLE ACTS AND BEHAVIOUR WHICH ARE PREVALENT IN THIS HORROR STRICKEN ISLAND.

27 MAY 1964

DR. F. KUÇUK
VICE-PRESIDENT
CYPRUS

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