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LETTER DATED 27 JULY 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
TURKEY ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to submit enclosed the text of a telegram, addressed to
Your Excellency, by Dr. Fazıl Küçük, Vice-President of Cyprus.

I will be obliged if Your Excellency will be kind enough to have the text of
this telegram circulated 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

Reference to your telegram of 22 July 1964, I would like to stress once again that I fully share your concern and anxiety and that I will certainly continue to do all within my power to prevent members of my community from resorting to any action that would worsen and increase the danger of the situation in Cyprus. You will recall that it was I myself who from the very start of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force becoming operational in Cyprus had appealed to you on every occasion that presented itself, to use your good offices and stop all importation of arms and military personnel into Cyprus. Despite this it is an indisputable fact that the Greeks systematically continued to import heavy arms and thousands of military personnel in violation of article 50, paragraph 1/b (iii) of the Constitution which prohibits importation of war materials and also explosives of all kinds unless mutually agreed upon by the President and the Vice-President and also against the letter and the spirit of the Security Council resolution of 4 March.

As to the statement in your telegram about evidence for "infiltration of arms and personnel" into Turkish controlled areas, I would like to state that in so far as I am aware no military personnel from Turkey have arrived in Cyprus but that a small number of Cypriot Turkish students returned to Cyprus through the area in question, probably because they did not feel safe to return through normal ports as they knew that some other students on arrival in Cyprus were unlawfully arrested, abducted and tortured for extraction of statements by Greek terrorists who are used as policemen.

It is a matter of concern for me to have to raise again the point that, although I am addressed as Vice-President of that Republic, your appeals are made to me in my capacity as Turkish Cypriot leader as opposed to the "Government of Cyprus" and not to the Greek Cypriot leadership, thus appearing to go along with the abortive Greek attempt to divorce me of my constitutional power and prerogatives and of my functions in the Government of Cyprus.

I thoroughly agree with you that importation of arms and personnel is contrary to "the law of the land" but I cannot help laying stress on the fact that the supreme law of the land is its Constitution which, as you are well aware, the Greeks are violating in every respect. It is this Constitution which as stated above prohibits to everyone the importation of all types of war materials unless agreed upon by both the President and the Vice-President.

Reports have just reached me that only last night, that is after your appeal to the Greek side, another thirty truckloads of heavy war materials were unloaded at Limassol under cover of darkness. This continuous build-up of arms and personnel by the Greeks coupled with the ever-increasing economic pressure and blockade against my community shows the determination of the Greeks to push ahead with their master plans to impose by force their own solution on the Turks. In this situation I am sure you will agree that it would be suicidal for members of my community not to take counter defensive measures in order to avert the imminent danger.

In conclusion I would like to thank you for your reference to the difficulty encountered by my community in the present struggle for survival and to repeat that I will not fail in my effort to facilitate the work of the United Nations Peace-Keeping Force in Cyprus without jeopardizing the existence and security of my community which, I am sure, you will appreciate. It is my ardent hope that through your determined efforts the enormous build-up of arms and military personnel by the Greeks for ulterior motives will be brought to a halt.
