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LETTER DATED 15 JUNE 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CYPRUS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In my letter of 6 May 1965 (document S/6534), it was stated that the Turkocypriot rebels having arbitrarily constructed a road for military use between St. Hilarion and Templos, has actually put it to such use. The Turkish representative in his reply (S/6539) says that it is a "distortion" to speak of a road where it is only "a crude mountain path ... via the dangerous and practically unnegotiable precipices of St. Hilarion", which consequently could not possibly be used in the way described in my letter. Yet the undeniable reality - as confirmed by UNFICYP - is that it is not a mere path but a road accessible to four-wheel traction vehicles, that is, one that can easily be put to military use. In further corroboration of my statement the Kyrenia police reported that between 21:00 and 23:00 hours of 25 May 1965, heavy and unusual movement of vehicles was observed on the said road. Furthermore, it was because such use was possible that the UNFICYP undertook to prevent it. We will not, however, refer to the relevant statement of Mr. Asiroglou as a "distortion". We prefer simply to say it is gross misinformation.

In the letter under reply, the Turkish representative - alleging that a Turkish baby in Kyrenia had died because his mother was unable to breast-feed it by being prevented from leaving Nicosia in consequence of the Government ban - quotes approvingly a Turkish newspaper bulletin, known for its irresponsibility, which renders the President and members of the Government responsible for the "murder" of the child, on the ground that an appeal to President Archbishop Makarios allegedly made by "the United Nations, the Red Cross, the Red Crescent, and Diplomatic Missions" to make an exception in this particular case and allow this woman to return to her baby, was rejected. This preposterous charge is completely and patently untrue. Official information transmitted to my Mission categorically states that no representations to the President or the Government

were at any time made by anyone in respect of the alleged special case. Similarly, the UNFICYP Information Office in Cyprus had advised that it is not aware of such step having been taken with reference to that specific case.

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

Please accept, etc.

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to the United Nations