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LETTER FROM THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF GREECE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-
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June 30, 1947

Sir:

With reference to the Yugoslav Delegate's letter to you, dated 16 June 1947, and listed as Document S/377, I have the honour on instructions from my government, to communicate the following:

The Yugoslav Delegate alleged in his letter to the Security Council that, on 13 June 1947, two Greek airplanes violated the Yugoslav air space and machine gunned a Yugoslav frontier post, killing one man and wounding two.

This allegation is categorically denied by the Greek Government, as being utterly unfounded. The Greek Government believe that such a charge by the Yugoslav authorities can be explained only as an attempt for the purpose of obscuring the main issue now under consideration by the Security Council. In spite of a written statement to the contrary, the Yugoslav Government have in reality failed to co-operate with the Subsidiary group in Salonika and refused to permit it to cross into Yugoslav territory in order to investigate frontier incidents. The reply of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia, three days ago, refusing the Groups request for permission to enter Yugoslavia in order to investigate the Kouka-Boles incident throws more light on the general situation than any unfounded accusations. Had the Yugoslav authorities evinced a real desire to co-operate with the Subsidiary Group, which is the fact-finding organ of the Security Council on the spot, it would have been a rather simple matter now to ascertain the true merits of this accusation by means of an objective investigation on the spot.

I shall be grateful if you will communicate this letter to the Members of the Security Council.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

/s/ Alexis Kyrrou

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