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Letter dated 21 February 1951 addressed to the President
of the General Assembly from the
Permanent Representative of
the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia to the United Nations

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With reference to the letter addressed to the President of the General Assembly by the Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and circulated as United Nations document A/1772 on 6 February 1951, in which the Yugoslav Government is accused of having repatriated to Greece two boys named Germanos Trifonidis and Evangeli Marcopulu and of making preparations for the repatriation of 1,200 children whose parents are alleged to be on the territory of certain other Eastern European countries, the Permanent Mission of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia has the honour to state as follows:

- (1) Germanos Trifonidis and Evangeli Marcopulu have been repatriated to Greece on the basis of the authentic requests of their fathers;
- (2) The repatriation of Greek children is carried out in pursuance to the requests of their parents and only after the identity of both the children and the parents have been ascertained, in co-operation with the International Red Cross Societies, and after the freely expressed desire of their parents regarding their repatriation has been confirmed.

Will you please arrange for this letter to be circulated as a General Assembly document.

(Signed)

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People's Republic of Yugoslavia to the
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