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Letter dated 12 April 1951 from the Permanent Representative of
Greece to the United Nations addressed to the President of
the General Assembly

On my return from Athens, I took cognizance of a letter dated 14 March 1951 from the permanent delegation of Czechoslovakia addressed to Your Excellency, and circulated as General Assembly document A/1789. That letter, despite the slanderous and fantastic allegations it contains, calls for an answer.

Years of sad experience have by now irrefutably established that no credence whatsoever should be given to communications from governments of the Soviet bloc levelling charges of violations of human rights against countries which do not enjoy the benefits of "people's democracy" régimes. Less than anyone else do the authors of these purely propagandistic diatribes believe in the veracity of their "humanitarian" protestations.

The limits, however, of common decency are hypocritically ignored when the delegation of a country where people simply suspected of deviation from the Party line are summarily "liquidated", raise their voices in favour of two persons who, despite the commission of acts of high treason against their own country, are still in a position to communicate with their communist mentors.

As to the signor of the letter in question, may I suggest that he would be well advised to ponder over the fate of many of his predecessors and colleagues in Czechoslovakia before assuming the part of the defender of human rights and political freedom in another country.

I should be grateful to Your Excellency if you would be kind enough to cause this letter to be circulated as a General Assembly document.

(Signed)

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Greece to the United Nations