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LETTER DATED 29 APRIL 1964 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
TURKEY ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to submit for your information a copy of my letter dated 29 April 1964, addressed to His Excellency U Thant, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

I shall be obliged to Your Excellency if you will circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

I avail myself of this opportunity, etc.

(Signed) Orhan Eralp
Ambassador
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New York, 29 April 1964

Your Excellency,

It is my painful duty once again to bring to your attention the gravity of the turn of events in Cyprus. The full scale aggressive military operation undertaken by Greek Cypriote armed bands under the general command of the "Minister of the Interior" of the "Government of Cyprus" against the Turkish positions on the Kyrenia Mountains as well as the firing on innocent inhabitants of the villages in the area speak for themselves. The Greek Community of Cyprus with this last unabashed, carefully planned and cynically calculated act of overt aggression have put aside all pretense of respect for law and order, for the call of the United Nations or for humane considerations and have taken the matter in their own hands. This last act of wilful wrongdoing flaunts the will and authority of the United Nations and revolts the conscience of mankind.

You will recall that the Security Council resolution of 4 March in its operative paragraph 2, asked the Government of Cyprus "... to take all additional measures necessary to stop violence and bloodshed in Cyprus", and that the resolution of 13 March called upon "Member States to refrain from any action or threat of action likely to worsen the situation". Can this premeditated action of the Greek Cypriotes, cloaked under the pseudo-authority of governmental measures, be described as anything but a blow to the authority and prestige of the United Nations?

From the United Nations Press Release of 28 April 1964, CYP/52, it appears that Archbishop Makarios has told the Commander of the UNFICYP that he wants a political solution to the problem of Cyprus under peaceful conditions, that he wants peace and normality immediately in the country and that he is prepared to assist the UNFICYP to achieve this aim. Inasmuch as it is Archbishop Makarios's own "Minister of the Interior" in person who is even now leading this bloody onslaught the question arises as to whether the peace envisaged by the Archbishop for the Island is a "peace of annihilation" and whether the UNFICYP is, in the words of the Archbishop, "prepared to assist (him) ... in every way".

Not only the other interested parties but, I am sure you are aware, the public opinion of the entire world, is now anxiously waiting to see how the United Nations will meet this brutal challenge. You will doubtless realize that, if this

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sustained attack is allowed to go unchecked, the Greek Cypriote leaders will be encouraged to embark upon new and even more daring acts of aggression.

I take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Orhan Eralp
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