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LETTER OF 4 JANUARY 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In a letter dated 7 December 1964 addressed to you and circulated as a Security Council document (S/6088), I had drawn attention to publicity being given by the Greek and Greek Cypriot Press to certain alleged and of course totally fabricated accounts of Turkish Cypriot preparations for an attack on the Greeks in Cyprus. I had then pointed out that, as it had been the case in the past, such dissemination of utterly false rumours could only indicate an intention on the part of Greek Cypriots to camouflage their own preparations for a renewed assault on the oppressed Turkish Community.

It is with regret and apprehension that I must now renew my warning. In fact, such false, calculated and fabricated reports continue to be circulated with renewed momentum and obviously with the same purpose.

For instance, the 30 December issue of a Greek language newspaper "Elephtheria" published in Nicosia, carries a report concerning a meeting of the Greek Cypriot Council of Ministers where fantastic accounts of night landings and aircraft from Turkey are said to have been discussed and counter measures contemplated. The report also admits that the Greek Cypriots have stepped up their military preparations.

The intentional circulation of such entirely fabricated rumours confirms the suspicion that the Greek Cypriots are preparing for an attack.

Parallel with these tactical moves, the inflow of Greek troops, armaments and equipment from Greece continues at a steady pace. The Greeks do not even attempt any longer to hide or explain away this virtual invasion of the island by a foreign Power in violation of the Charter, of international obligations and of the Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus.

A list of such landings of men and material from Greece, since the publication of Your Excellency's Report of 10 September 1964 (S/5950), is given hereunder:

- 16 September 1964: s/s Venturis;
- 19 September 1964: s/s Dimitrios;
- 1 October 1964: s/s Pireus;
- 3 October 1964: s/s Hermes;
- 5 November 1964: s/s Hermes;
- 6 November 1964: s/s Angelas Kisidas;
- 15 November 1964: s/s Patreus;
- 18 November 1964: s/s Pegasus;
- 28 November 1964: s/s Pegasus.

The international Press has not failed to take note of these Greek moves. For instance, the Sunday Telegraph of 27 December and the Daily Mirror of 30 December, published in London, both carry detailed accounts of these Greek invasionary moves and tend to interpret them more in the sense of preparations to subdue the Turks of Cyprus than as defensive measures against Turkey. The daily newspaper AS SAFA published in Beirut expresses the view that Archbishop Makarios will be expected to use the armaments which he has imported and that Cyprus may therefore be heading for an upheaval more serious than the previous ones.

All the evidence seems to point to the fact that the Greek Cypriots, having now begun to harbour serious doubts as to the feasibility of deceiving the General Assembly as to the true issues involved, are liable to provoke serious incidents on the island with a view to blaming the Turkish Cypriots for them and thereby scoring a point.

Once again, I wish to warn Your Excellency and the members of the Security Council against these well-known machinations of the Greek Cypriot régime, and earnestly urge you be so good as to ensure that appropriate measures may be taken by the United Nations authorities in Cyprus to avoid a renewal of Greek-provoked large-scale bloodshed on the island.

I will be much obliged to you if you will be kind enough to have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP
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to the United Nations
