Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have recently been advised by the Greek Government that the contents of its notification on Article XXVIII negotiations (document SECRET/23) were recently published by a periodical in Athens.

The Greek Government is seriously disturbed at this disclosure and, having satisfied itself that the leakage did not occur in Athens nor through any negligence on the part of the Greek delegation in Geneva, has requested me to carry out an enquiry into the case. I am sure that all contracting parties will appreciate the gravity of this incident and the importance of preventing any recurrence in the future. The purpose of my letter is to request your collaboration in this matter.

Only one copy of this secret document was distributed to any contracting party. A signature for receipt was obtained by the messenger who delivered the document. Your delegation received a copy, No.

I should very much appreciate your letting me know whether the copy mentioned above is still in the possession of the responsible official and whether it could have been seen by any unauthorized person. I shall also be glad to receive any other information you could supply which might help to identify the source of the leakage.

At the same time I should be grateful if the attention of all officials dealing with these matters could be drawn to the importance of strict observance of security regulations in relation to secret documents. It is the responsibility of any official to whom such documents are entrusted to ensure that the secret nature of their content is safeguarded, and in particular, that secret documents when not actually in the custody of the official concerned, shall be kept under lock.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

E. Wyndham White,
Executive Secretary.