



UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS

PRESS RELEASE

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Just after noon today the office of Special Adviser Alvaro de Soto received a piece of mail from overseas containing a suspicious white powder. Immediately, UNFICYP security was alerted and standard precautionary measures were put into effect. The area adjacent to the offices in question was cordoned off and an investigation begun by the UNFICYP military police unit. At the same time, government officials were alerted by UNFICYP. At this time, state laboratory technicians are examining samples of the powder in order to ascertain its exact nature.