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Geraldine Ferraro,  
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Dear Vice-President to be,

I notice that you have shown concern over the future of Cyprus (don't let the turkeys get you down !)

The recently reported increase in military activity on the Greek side suggests that yet again this beautiful little island may be drawn inexorably into another bloodbath.

When I lived there in the early days of Independence they had such high hopes of peace but even then there were always fundamental cultural differences between the inhabitants. The Greeks celebrated Easter, the Turks kept Ramadan, there was a Greek Quarter and a Turkish Quarter in every town and the villages were either one ethnic group or the other.

The Turks are asking as ever for Partition but is Apartheid likely to be the solution for this tiny country? Would we rather not expect a series of border disputes and prolonged bitterness ?

Independence , when it came , was put forward as a compromise agreement and it may well be that Cypriots are at their most harmonious when under the paternal care of an outside agency. In the past, Greece, Turkey, and the British Empire have played their roles and most recently it has been the United Nations which has had to act as peacemaker.

But now our thoughts turn to the United States, Los Angeles and the Olympic Games. And what about the future of the Games ? Is a permanent site the answer to its problems ?

What better site than on the island of Cyprus. Is it too preposterous to suggest that an Idea in search of a home and a home in need of protection can in some way get together for their mutual benefit?

Have you seen the flag of Cyprus? The olive branches are there already, would it not be possible to add a few interlocked rings?

Sorry about all these questions, perhaps someone should ask the Cypriots what they would feel about the idea. Like one of New York's adopted sons, all we are saying is give Peace a chance.

Yours Sincerely,

Australian Citizen