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LETTER DATED 10 DECEMBER 1982 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF HONDURAS TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, has instructed me to bring the contents of the following document to your attention:

"Note No. 1109. Tegucigalpa, D.C., 8 December 1982. Madam: I have the honour to address myself to you in order to present a formal protest concerning the following events: On 2 December 1982, between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., elements of the Sandinist People's Army opened fire on a Honduran soldier, Oscar Armando Rodríguez, wounding him seriously in the chest, the arm and the head. This soldier was on routine patrol along the Torondona river, which separates the two countries, in the La Guaruma sector of Choluteca Department. Alerted by the local inhabitants, a Honduran military detachment arrived on the scene. This detachment too was attacked by the Sandinists, and was forced to return the fire in a clash that lasted about two hours. At about 9 a.m. on the following day, the Honduran positions were again attacked by the Sandinists, this time with 82 mm mortars and heavy machine-guns, and the Hondurans responded to this attack also. It should be mentioned that for some time the local inhabitants have been subjected to repeated attacks by the Sandinists which have prevented them from using the waters of the Torondona river or traversing Honduran territory near the frontier. Furthermore, on 30 November 1982, the Pueblo Nuevo sector in El Paraíso Department was subjected to mortar fire from a Nicaraguan position known as La Cantina, in the Jalapa district. In the view of these unjustified and constant attacks by the Sandinist People's Army, my Government wishes once again to present a most vigorous protest to the Government of Nicaragua and is obliged to call your attention to the serious consequences which this type of action may have and which the Government of Honduras is seeking to avoid as far as possible. Accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs. Addressee: Mrs. Nora Astorga, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Managua, Nicaragua."

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I would respectfully request you to have this note circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Francisco Dario LOBO
Alternate Ambassador and
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
