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LETTER DATED 30 DECEMBER 1982 FROM THE CHARGÉ 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 transmit to you, on instructions from Mr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, the contents of the note of protest sent by our Ministry of Foreign Affairs to Mr. Guillermo Suárez Rivas, Ambassador of Nicaragua to Honduras which reads as follows:

"Note No. 1217-DSM. Tegucigalpa, DC, 29 December 1982

"His Excellency Mr. Guillermo Suárez Rivas, Ambassador of Nicaragua, Tegucigalpa.

"Sir,

"I have the honour to bring to your attention the following incidents:

"1. On 14 December 1982, at 1.40 p.m., elements of the Sandinist People's Army opened fire on a Honduran frontier patrol which was making its rounds at the place called 'Pedregalito', in the Dipilto sector, Department of El Paraíso.

"2. On 15 December, Sandinist troops at the Las Manos customs post attacked the Honduran positions with rifle fire and 50-mm machine-gun fire from 7.40 to 8 p.m. and again from 10 to 10.15 p.m. and from 11.30 to 11.35 p.m.

"3. Lastly, on 24 December, at 11 p.m., the Honduran customs post at La Fraternidad also came under fire from the Sandinist troops.

"In all three cases, the Honduran detachments were forced, in exercise of the right of self-defence, to return the fire opened by the Sandinist troops. The Government of Honduras, in presenting its most vigorous protest at these further acts of unjustified aggression by the Sandinist People's Army, appeals

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once again to the prudence and wisdom of the Government of Nicaragua and reiterates its absolute neutrality in Nicaragua's domestic dispute and its firm resolve to defend the sovereignty and integrity of the national territory. Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs."

I should be grateful if you would have this note circulated as a Security Council document.

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