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LETTER DATED 10 JANUARY 1983 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you a protest note sent to His Excellency George P. Schultz, Secretary of State of the United States of America, by His Excellency Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, on 8 January 1983.

"Managua, 8 January 1983

His Excellency
Mr. George P. Schultz
Secretary of State of the
United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the honour to address myself to you to denounce another crime perpetrated by the counter-revolutionary bands which are operating from Honduran territory with the assistance and support of the United States Government.

On 7 January 1983, at approximately 10.14 hours, in the Cerro Helado, situated 14 kilometers north-east of Yalí, in the department of Jinotega, a band of 40 counter-revolutionaries brutally and cruelly murdered two Nicaraguan civilians, Francisco Javier Soto Calderón and Leonardo Martínez Rodríguez, who were engaged in harvesting coffee. After committing this barbaric act the counter-revolutionary band withdrew to its bases in Honduran territory from which they are reported to have come.

Once again, the Government of Nicaragua protests formally and in the strongest terms, at these criminal actions committed against our people as a direct consequence of the aggressive policy of the United States Administration towards Nicaragua. For the countries in the Central American region this policy can only signify a further deterioration of the current

crisis and this calls for a redoubling of efforts by peace-loving nations and for a pressing of the initiatives in that direction undertaken by Nicaragua as well as by other countries in the region. However, no progress can be made in that struggle for peace until such time as the United States Government decides to abandon its interventionist and militaristic policy in Central America. This leads us to request your Government once again to agree to an open and unconditional dialogue or to resort to the other mechanisms for the peaceful settlement of disputes provided for under international law and in the Charter of the United Nations, in order to consolidate peace in Central America.

I take this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Miguel D'ESCOTO BROCKMANN
Minister for Foreign Affairs"

I request you to have this note circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Jorge CANDA MORALES
Ambassador, Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
