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HONDURAS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of the note of protest sent to the Ambassador of Nicaragua in Honduras, the text of which reads as follows:

"Dr. Enrique Ortez Colindres, Ambassador to the United Nations, New York, N.Y. In order that you may bring it to the attention of the President of the Security Council of the United Nations, I am sending you herewith the text of the note sent to the Ambassador of Nicaragua in Honduras, which reads as follows: Note No. 128-DSS, Tegucigalpa, D.C. 7 February 1983. His Excellency Mr. Guillermo Suarez Rivas, Ambassador of the Republic of Nicaragua, Tegucigalpa. Sir: I have the honour to inform you and the illustrious Government of Nicaragua of the following facts: on Thursday 3 February 1983, at 11 a.m., members of the Sandinist Army penetrated Honduran territory to a distance of 250 metres from the frontier line between the two countries, in the district of the village of Cifuentes, El Paraíso Department, to the estate of Mr. Pedro Fajardo, with the obvious intention of abducting one of his workers, Mr. Jose Artica Morazán; they were unsuccessful, because he escaped. A patrol of the Armed Forces of Honduras immediately arrived on the scene and its presence prompted the members of the Sandinist Army (about 20 in number) to withdraw. In view of this new act involving the violation of the territorial sovereignty and integrity of Honduras and the harassment of its nationals, I wish to present, through you, yet another firm and vigorous protest from the Government of Honduras, in the hope that the authorities of your country will take appropriate steps to avoid a repetition of such acts of provocation and aggression. I take this opportunity to reiterate to you the assurances of my highest consideration.
(Signed) Arnulfo Pineda Lopez, Minister for Foreign Affairs a.i."

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this note to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Enrique ORTEZ COLINDRES
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
