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LETTER DATED 5 JULY 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I transmit to you herewith the text of the note sent on 3 July 1983 to Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, by Nora Astorga, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua.

"Sir,

I am writing to inform you of the latest attacks perpetrated against Nicaragua, which are described below:

On 1 July 1983, from 7 to 10 a.m., members of the army of Honduras attacked the post of Teotecacinte, in the department of Nueva Segovia, with 106.7-millimetre mortars; as a result, a member of the Sandinist People's Army was wounded. Subsequently, at 12 noon, the attack on Teotecacinte was repeated and 106.7-millimetre mortar attacks were also directed against the posts of El Palmar and Murupuchi; this second attack by the Honduran army lasted 30 minutes, with no casualties on our side.

Furthermore, on 26 June 1983 a counter-revolutionary unit consisting of some 70 Somozist mercenaries entered Nicaraguan national territory from Honduras at the Los Jobitos sector, 1.7 kilometres north-east of Santo Tomás del Nance, in the department of Chinandega; after destroying an electrical power transformer at Los Jobitos, the counter-revolutionaries withdrew in the direction of Honduran territory by way of the Guasaule River.

The same Somozist group later clashed with a patrol of the Sandinist People's Army, setting off a battle which lasted for some two hours and in which the counter-revolutionaries were supported with artillery fire by units of the army of Honduras deployed in their own territory, with no casualties in the ranks of the Nicaraguan patriots.

Similarly, as stated in a complaint made at the time, beginning on 25 June and for a period of several days, special forces of the army of

Honduras known as the 'Special Tactical Group' ('Agrupación Táctica Especial' - ATE) and Somozist mercenary units repeatedly entered Nicaraguan territory, in open and provocative violation of our national sovereignty, with the intention of deactivating several mined sectors of the defence line in the Teotecacinte area.

The armed forces of Nicaragua, in the face of the constant and increasingly dangerous attacks and invasions perpetrated against Nicaragua's population and territory, have taken various defensive measures to reduce in so far as possible the escalation of acts of aggression against Nicaragua; those measures include the mining of the areas most severely affected by the attacks of the Honduran army and the Somozist mercenaries. It is in order to weaken this defence line that the so-called 'Special Tactical Group' of the armed forces of Honduras and its Somozist allies carried out these attempts, using sophisticated techniques that included the use of trained dogs, some of which were killed in the mine fields.

Despite the gravity of the facts described, the patriotic forces defending the national territory of Nicaragua, under instructions from our Government, did not respond to these latest acts of provocation and aggression, in order to avoid giving any pretexts to the enemies of peace and to avoid letting those pretexts be used to launch an open war against Nicaragua.

In submitting to you the most vigorous and solemn protest by the Government of Nicaragua against these attacks which endanger our population and our national territory, we reaffirm our appeal for a direct and unconditional bilateral dialogue between the two countries that would make possible a peaceful way out of the dangerous situation that now exists in the frontier area.

(Signed) Nora ASTORGA  
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs"

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

(Signed) Javier CHAMORRO MORA  
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Permanent Representative of Nicaragua  
to the United Nations

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