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OF NICARAGUA TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am transmitting to you herewith the text of the note sent to Mr. George Shultz, Secretary of State of the United States of America by Dr. Nora Astorga, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, on 10 September 1983.

"Sir,

I am writing to inform you of the following:

Yesterday, 9 September 1983, at 5.30 a.m., two T-28 aircraft painted with camouflage colours and coming from Honduran territory made an incursion into our national territory and attacked a number of objectives at the port of Corinto, dropping four high-explosive bombs made in the United States in an attack on the Paso Caballo bridge and the docks and fuel depots of that port.

The immediate response of Nicaragua's national anti-aircraft defence prevented the counter-revolutionary aircraft from manoeuvring freely, so that none of the bombs dropped hit its target; after the attack had been repelled, one of the attacking aircraft was hit by shots fired by the anti-aircraft defence and flew off in a southerly direction, while the other withdrew in the direction of Honduras. Up to the present, there has been no report of any harm to persons or immovable property and port installations, although fuel depot tanks 16 and 17, one of them containing methyl ketone and the other containing hexane, were hit by shrapnel, which caused holes through which the liquid is escaping. The Esso Company, owner of the tanks, is in the process of transferring the contents to other depots.

The Government of Nicaragua, believing that all of these criminal actions are possible only through the assistance given by the United States Administration to the Somozist mercenaries, as a part of its strategy aimed at overthrowing and destroying the Sandinist revolution, expresses to the Government of the United States its most solemn and vigorous protest,

demanding the immediate cessation of such terrorist actions and the respecting of international norms, which the United States Administration is violating every day.

(Signed) Nora ASTORGA
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs"

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

(Signed) Victor Hugo TINOCO FONSECA
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs
Representative of Nicaragua to the
Security Council
