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LETTER DATED 17 MAY 1983 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF
NICARAGUA TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the note of protest addressed to His Excellency Mr. Arnulfo Pineda López, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, by Her Excellency Dr. Nora Astorga, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, on 16 May 1983.

"Sir,

I am writing to you to inform you of the latest attacks perpetrated against Nicaragua by the Somozist forces based in Honduran territory.

On 13 May 1983, at 0900 hours, some 80 counter-revolutionaries coming from Honduran territory attacked the Waspán frontier post, in the northern part of Zelaya department, with rifle and heavy machine-gun fire; as a result of the cowardly attack, the Nicaraguan citizen Hector Rodríguez was killed.

On the following day, 14 May, at 0700 hours, the Biswalkarma post was attacked with mortar and heavy machine-gun fire, in which Comrade Carlos Cajina was killed. The attack was made from Honduran territory.

Furthermore, as will be denounced in due time by the Minister of Defence of Nicaragua, on 13 May, two of the Somozist so-called 'Task Forces', made up of some 500 criminals, attempted to enter our country. Intercepted by our heroic armed forces at 'Llano Bawisa' also in the northern part of Zelaya department, they were contained in their advance and obliged to retreat, returning to their bases in Honduras.

Once again, Sir, we must reiterate to the Government of Honduras our call for moderation and good sense and remind it of all the international obligations which it transgresses daily with its attitude of complicity and irresponsibility with regard to the daily acts of aggression to which our territory and population are subjected, an attitude which seriously affects the peace and security of the region. Confirming the desire of the Government of Nicaragua to achieve a solution to this increasingly dangerous crisis through bilateral dialogue and with no conditions attached, I present to you

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our formal and vigorous protest against the recent attacks on the national territory.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Nora ASTORGA
Acting Minister for
Foreign Affairs"

I request you to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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