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

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the note dated 13 October 1983 from His Excellency Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed to His Excellency Mr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras.

"Sir,

"I have the honour to draw your attention to the following facts.

"Today, 12 October, between 10.15 a.m. and 10.45 a.m., an undetermined number of Somozan mercenaries attacked the Nicaraguan frontier post of Las Manos, firing mortars and rifles from Honduran territory.

"It should be pointed out that such criminal actions would be impossible without the support of the Honduran authorities, which poses a serious obstacle to the efforts of the Contadora Group to achieve peace in Central America.

"The Government of Nicaragua, in registering its formal protest to the distinguished Government of Honduras, demands that its authorities take the necessary measures to prevent Honduran territory from continuing to be occupied as a base for attacking Nicaragua, in open violation of the principles of international law.

"Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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

I should be obliged if you would have this note distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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