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LETTER DATED 2 NOVEMBER 1983 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF NICARAGUA ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of the note of 1 November 1983 sent to Mr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, by Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua.

"Sir,

"I wish to report the following facts to you.

"Today, 1 November, two patrol boats of the Honduran navy, escorting two high-speed launches of the kind used by the Somozan mercenaries for criminal actions against Nicaragua, fired on two Nicaraguan coastguard vessels on routine patrol duties in Nicaraguan territorial waters in the Gulf of Fonseca. This cowardly and unprovoked attack occurred in the "Papayal" sector, five kilometres north of Punta Cosiguina. As a result of the attack two crew members of one of the coastguard vessels were wounded. The attack began at 11.45 a.m. and was broken off at 12.15 p.m.

"These regularly repeated attacks and provocative acts against Nicaraguan vessels, the violation of our territorial waters, and the almost daily attacks along the frontier, have for some long time been creating a really serious situation between our two countries. However, these latest attacks are more alarming because we know that there are plans that include the carrying out of acts of provocation and attacks on villages and other installations in Honduras, which would serve as a pretext for open war against Nicaragua.

"In lodging a formal and rigorous protest against the events referred to above and the violation of its territorial waters, the Government of Nicaragua stresses once again the urgent need for the Government of Honduras to abandon

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its policy of aggression and provocation, which is a fundamental element in the warlike plans of the United States Government and, in the interests of its own people and the other peoples of Central America, to follow the path of peace and dialogue.

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

"(Signed) Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann
Minister for Foreign Affairs"

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

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