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LETTER DATED 25 JANUARY 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to write to transmit to you, Sir, the note sent by His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, to His Excellency Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, on 21 January 1984.

"I am writing to you, Sir, to bring to your attention the following facts:

On 16 January 1984, at 7 p.m., a group of approximately 70 Somozan mercenaries proceeding from Honduran territory carried out a raid in 'El Tablazon' sector, situated 6 kilometres north of Dipilto, and kidnapped 30 Nicaraguan peasants, who were taken to the counter-revolutionary camp situated at 'Las Dificultades'. Subsequently, on 18 January, at approximately 1 p.m., one of the peasants, Santos Facundo Sánchez Cárcamo, managed to escape and, upon returning to Nicaragua, reported what had happened.

In lodging a most vehement and categorical protest against this most recent act of lawlessness, the Government of Nicaragua wishes to stress once again the urgent need for the Government of Honduras to desist from its policy of allowing its territory to be used as a base and haven by mercenary gangs. At the same time, the Government of Nicaragua forcefully calls upon the Honduran authorities to secure the immediate release and repatriation of the kidnapped peasants."

I request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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