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LETTER DATED 19 MARCH 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am writing to you in order to transmit the text of a note dated 16 March 1984 addressed to His Excellency Mr. George Shultz, Secretary of State of the United States of America, by His Excellency Mr. Victor Hugo Tinoco Fonseca, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua.

"I am writing to you with reference to the following:

"On 14 March 1984, a group of mercenaries in the service of your Government entered Nicaraguan territory from Costa Rica, attacked the settlement of San José, situated 6 kilometres from La Azucena, in the department of Río San Juan, and attempted a mass abduction of the inhabitants of that settlement. When local inhabitants and troops from our armed forces tried to detain the mercenaries, they took cover among the civilian population and opened fire on the defenders. As a result of this cowardly and inhumane act, the child José Santos González, aged 8 years, was seriously wounded, and he died from his injuries a few hours later. Also wounded were the children Etzequiel Villalta, aged 5 years, Hermógenes Dávila Calderón, aged 7 years, and María González Calderón, aged only 9 months, and the mother of the last-mentioned, Francisca González Calderón, aged 20 years, as well as other children not yet identified.

"While presenting its most vigorous protest to the Government of the United States against this latest criminal act committed by the mercenary forces in its service, because of which Nicaraguan children have once again been murdered, the Government of Nicaragua formally denounces your Government's request for additional United States funds, in the amount of \$21 million, for so-called clandestine operations, since the ultimate purpose for which those funds are intended is the continuation of the campaign of terror and death against the Nicaraguan people, which means, in effect, the murder of hundreds of innocent people, many of them children, and the destruction of the country's scant economic resources."

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

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

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