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Letter dated 12 October 1984 from the Permanent Representative
of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the President
of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the letter dated 11 October 1984 from Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed to Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras.

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

Annex

Letter dated 11 October 1984 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Nicaragua addressed to the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Honduras

I wish to inform you of the following facts:

Yesterday, 10 October 1984, between 0600 and 0630 hours, a group of approximately 25 mercenaries entered Nicaraguan territory, in the district of "La Honda" 3 kilometres northwest of Cinco Pinos, proceeding from Honduras. During their withdrawal into Honduran territory the mercenary forces were supported by rifle fire and mortars from forces of the Honduran Army located at the frontier post "La Guaruma" 3 kilometres to the west of Cinco Pinos. As a result of the criminal attack, militiaman Victoriano Palma Cruz was wounded and militiaman Francisco Altamirano García and José Palma Cruz were killed.

It should be noted that this combined attack by the mercenary forces and the Army of Honduras lends support to the complaints made by my Government to the effect that conditions are being prepared for the development of a major military offensive against Nicaragua based on the concentration in Honduras of mercenary forces in the service of the United States Government. Similarly, this new aggression bears witness to the discrepancy between the peaceful purposes by which your Government claims to be guided and the carrying out of acts of this kind which are in every way contrary to the efforts being pursued by the Contadora Group.

In protesting in the most formal and forceful terms against this new act of aggression perpetrated with the open complicity of the Honduran armed forces, the Government of Nicaragua insists once again on the imperative need for the Government of Honduras to assume in a responsible manner the obligations incumbent upon it under international law and to agree in all sincerity to sign immediately the revised Contadora Act.

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