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Letter dated 29 November 1984 from the Permanent Representative
of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the note dated
23 November 1984 from His Excellency Mr. George Shultz, Secretary of State
of the United States of America, addressed to His Excellency
Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of
Nicaragua.

I should be grateful if you would have this note circulated as an official
document of the General Assembly, under item 25, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jeane J. KIRKPATRICK

ANNEX

Note dated 23 November 1984 from the Secretary of State
of the United States of America to the Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua

The Department of State refers to diplomatic communications from the Nicaraguan Ministry of Foreign Relations dated 1 November, 7 November, 8 November, 9 November, 10 November and 11 November 1984, and to the Department's note to your Government of 10 October 1984.

The Government of the United States categorically rejects the latest allegations contained in the aforementioned communications from the Government of Nicaragua that the United States is engaging in provocative aggressive acts toward Nicaragua or planning to invade that country.

The Government of the United States has consistently supported the efforts of the Contadora process to remove the major sources of tension through a comprehensive and verifiable peace agreement. Nicaragua is, however, proceeding to build up its military capability far beyond any reasonable estimate of its defensive needs and is thereby exacerbating tensions and helping to create a situation that has long been viewed as a serious threat by Nicaragua's neighbours. Moreover, Nicaragua's irresponsible actions in seeking to create a spectre of imminent invasion, rather than dealing seriously with the issues before the Contadora process, has made more difficult a solution to the real problems confronting the region and has been a disservice to the cause of peace.

Accordingly, the Government of the United States calls on the Government of Nicaragua to address seriously the issues outstanding in the Contadora negotiations in order to achieve an agreement that eliminates the sources of conflict in Central America.
