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Letter dated 3 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative
of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the protest note which His Excellency Víctor Hugo Tinoco, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, sent to His Excellency Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras on 1 October 1985 (see annex).

I would appreciate it if you would arrange for this note to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 21, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Javier CHAMORRO MORA
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to the United Nations

ANNEX

Protest note dated 1 October 1985 from the Acting Minister
for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua to the Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Honduras

I am writing to you with reference to the serious events outlined below:

On 17 September 1985 a mercenary force originating in Honduras infiltrated into Nicaragua in the area adjacent to La Chamuscada hill and proceeded to attack sectors 1 and 2 in El Nancital district, in San Francisco del Norte, El Pavón and Las Lajitas districts, in Cinco Pinos, and Paso Hondo district, in Santo Tomás in the Department of Chinandega.

As a result of these terrorist acts, the mercenaries abducted 27 civilians who were taken into Honduran territory. Since then, 10 of the persons abducted have managed to escape and inform the Nicaraguan authorities of what happened and of the names of the following Nicaraguan citizens who are still held captive in Honduras:

1. Ursulo Arce
2. Manuel Aristides Varela Ordonez
3. José Adalberto Varela Ordonez
4. Adin Soriano
5. Oscar Garache Espinoza
6. Santos Osorio
7. Marcial Rivera
8. Rafael Bonilla
9. Valentín Amador
10. Reinaldo Aguilar
11. Eliodoro Varela Maradiaga
12. Florinda Medina
13. Lucrecia Medina
14. Marvin Medina
15. Santos Medina
16. Celestino Medina
17. Victorino Medina

The Government of Nicaragua formally denounces these acts of terrorism and requests the immediate co-operation of the Honduran authorities to protect the right to physical integrity and life of the abducted Nicaraguans and to obtain their repatriation to Nicaragua. Furthermore, the Government of Nicaragua once again protests in the strongest and most categorical terms against the use of Honduran territory as a base for attacks on Nicaragua. These events once again indicate the need for the establishment of a joint border patrol between the two countries in order to eliminate once and for all the causes of tension and, in that way, contribute to the peace process promoted by the nations of the Contadora Group.

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