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LETTER DATED 27 MAY 1980 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BAHAMAS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request that the
text of the attached note verbale No. 191, dated 27 May 1980, be circulated as a
document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Davidson L. HEPBURN
Permanent Representative

Annex

Note verbale dated 27 May 1980, from the Government of the Bahamas
addressed to the Ministry of External Affairs of Cuba

The Ministry of External Affairs of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba and has the honour to refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs note No. 803 (S/13955) which was telexed to the Ministry of External Affairs on 19 May 1980 and the Ministry of External Affairs note No. 184 (S/13959) in reply which was telexed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 21 May 1980.

The Ministry regrets that the Government of the Republic of Cuba has not replied to note No. 184 (S/13959) after a lapse of six days and the Ministry is constrained to conclude that the Government of the Republic of Cuba does not appear to intend to reply to note No. 184 (S/13959) and the Ministry is disposed to conclude that the Government of the Republic of Cuba would wish the Government of the Bahamas to conclude that it has rejected the proposal made to it by the Government of the Bahamas for an honourable solution of the problem.

The Ministry has the honour to restate that the Government of the Bahamas was prepared to accept what appeared to be the apologies, acknowledgements and assurances of the Government of the Republic of Cuba based upon its understandings of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs note No. 803 (S/13955). Based upon the Government of the Bahamas understandings of note No. 803 and the contents of note No. 184 (S/13959) and a mutually satisfactory agreement on the amount of compensation and reparation, the Ministry was constrained to propose that such could constitute an honourable solution acceptable to both our Governments. The Ministry regrets that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has so far ignored this proposal, or is not at this time prepared to accept this proposal made in good faith and therefore appears to have rejected the understandings expressed in note No. 184 (S/13959) as an accurate interpretation of note No. 803 (S/13955) and also appears to have rejected the offer to arrive at an honourable solution of this problem bilaterally.

The Government of the Bahamas would wish to restate its invitation to the Government of the Republic of Cuba to accept its proposals contained in note No. 184 (S/13959) which would constitute the basis for an honourable solution.