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Letter dated 25 August 1987 from the Permanent Representative
of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the note dated 23 August which His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, sent to His Excellency Mr. George Shultz, Secretary of State of the United States of America:

"I am writing in order to bring to your attention the following events:

"At 9 a.m. yesterday, in Pedregal sector, three kilometres north-east of the Mancotal dam in the department of Matagalpa, a group of 30 mercenaries, armed, trained and directed by the United States Government, ambushed a group of civilians travelling in a vehicle of the Ministry of Agricultural Development; five persons were killed and two wounded in the criminal attack. The dead were Fabricio Vilchez, Angel López, Freddy Castillo, Juana Matamoros and Mauricio Delañez. The wounded were Linda Vilchez and Francisco Salazar.

"Following the signing of the Esquipulas II agreements on 7 August, the Central American countries, and Nicaragua in particular, have embarked upon the task of promoting the agreements with the aim of bringing about a stable and lasting peace in the region at an early date; however, actions such as those described above, for which the United States is alone responsible, run counter to Central America's desire for peace, and are, moreover, intended to prevent the creation of the necessary conditions for the implementation of the agreements.

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"In lodging a vigorous protest over this event with the United States Government, Nicaragua calls upon the latter to desist from its war of aggression against Nicaragua and to comply fully with the wishes of the Central American peoples and Governments.

Miguel D'Escoto
Minister for Foreign Affairs"

I request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 34 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nora ASTORGA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
