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Letter dated 23 March 1988 from the Permanent Representative of
Honduras to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of the communication dated 23 March 1988 which was sent to His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-second session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jorge Ramón HERNANDEZ ALCERRO
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Communication dated 23 March 1988 sent to the Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua by the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Honduras

I am writing to you in order to inform the Government of Nicaragua about the incidents to which I refer below and to register the most vigorous protest on the part of the Government of Honduras.

Yesterday, 22 March 1988, at 2000 hours, approximately 50 soldiers from the Sandinist People's Army violated the Honduran frontier, entering our country through the Pico Español sector, Department of El Paraíso.

Almost simultaneously, a unit of the Sandinist People's Army, containing an estimated 300 soldiers, crossed the frontier and entered our country in a further incursion through the Bocay sector, Department of Olancho.

In presenting to the Government of Nicaragua the Honduran Government's extremely vigorous protest because of these incidents, which infringe our sovereignty and are a clear-cut and patent violation of international law, and for whose results the Government of Honduras cannot be held responsible, I must also state that acts of provocation and aggression of this nature tend to aggravate the already tense situation on the frontiers of our two countries.

Carlos López CONTRERAS
Minister
