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LETTER DATED 16 MARCH 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF NICARAGUA  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you the full text of the Decree promulgated by the Governing Junta of National Reconstruction of Nicaragua on 15 March 1982.

This Decree which our Government has been obliged to adopt is in response to the recent aggressions against our country, which have been denounced, among others, by the United States press and which are aimed at disturbing the peace and attempting to wrest power away from our people.

In requesting that Your Excellency be kind enough to circulate this note as a document of the Security Council, I take this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Javier CHAMORRO MORA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Nicaragua  
to the United Nations

Annex

THE GOVERNING JUNTA OF NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA,

CONSIDERING:

1. That the plans of aggression against our country are becoming increasingly specific and are aimed at disturbing the nation's peace, destroying our productive system and the country's physical infrastructure, preparing an escalation of counter-revolutionary military attacks and, as a consequence, attempting to replace our people's power with a Somoza-like régime.

2. That in recent weeks there have been important revelations concerning the existence of covert plans directed by the secret apparatus of the United States in complicity with bands of former Somoza guardsmen and counterrevolutionary groups based in Miami and Honduras, all with the backing of a number of Latin American military régimes. These plans include:

A. The training of an international mercenary force to carry out, from Honduran territory, military attacks, sabotage and terrorist activities in Nicaragua.

B. The supplying of large quantities of funds to the counterrevolutionary bands and paramilitary groups from different Latin American countries, and to rightist political and trade union organizations within Nicaragua, for the purpose of carrying out economic and political destabilization and preparing the climate for armed aggression.

3. That these plans have already had concrete results, such as the blowing up, on Sunday, 14 March, of the bridge over the River Negro on the highway leading to the El Guasaule border post, in Chinandega Department, and the partial destruction of the bridge leading into Ocotal on the road to the Las Manos border post, in Nueva Segovia Department, both of which were carried out by criminals based in Honduras. The blowing up of these bridges coincides with the sinister plan, which the United States press says has already been approved, to destroy and block Nicaragua's lines of communication through which the arms supply to El Salvador is supposedly taking place - all of which is a pretext to attack the heroic people of Nicaragua.

4. That other aborted criminal plans, such as the blowing up of the national cement plant and the oil refinery, as well as others that have actually succeeded, such as the explosion of a bomb in an Aeronica aircraft at Sandino Airport in Managua, are events confirming the existence of these same plans.

5. That it is the duty of the Revolutionary Government and the entire nation to throw all their moral, political, social, economic and human energy into the defence of the homeland and the revolution, in order to halt such actions of terror and destabilization that are aimed solely at taking away from the poor and working people their revolutionary victory and their right, won with blood and heroism, to build a new society in peace, free of misery and oppression.

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Therefore, in the exercise of its powers,

DECREES:

ARTICLE 1. The rights and guarantees established in Decree No. 52 of 21 August 1979, with the exception of those set forth in the second clause of article 49 thereof, shall be suspended throughout the national territory.

ARTICLE 2. This suspension of rights and guarantees shall last for a period of 30 days and may be extended in accordance with circumstances existing in the country.

ARTICLE 3. This Decree repeals Decree No. 812 of the Law of Economic and Social Emergency and shall enter into force at the time of its publication in any of the mass media, irrespective of the fact that it will be published subsequently in the official government organ, La Gaceta.

DONE IN THE CITY OF MANAGUA, ON 15 MARCH 1982, "YEAR OF UNITY IN THE FACE OF AGGRESSION"

GOVERNING JUNTA OF NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION

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