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NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a note addressed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, His Excellency Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, to His Excellency Mr. Rodolfo Rosales Abella, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Honduras, concerning a further frontier incident which occurred on 22 September 1982:

"I address myself to Your Excellency for the purpose of referring to the following:

Yesterday, 22 September, at 7.45 p.m., two Toyota vehicles belonging to the Ministry of Agricultural Development and Agrarian Reform (MIDINRA) were ambushed by counterrevolutionary elements coming from Honduran territory, in the sector known as San Nicolás, between Jalapa and Santa Clara, in the Department of Nueva Segovia. As a result of this criminal act, Nicaraguans Denis Sarrante and Roberto Alvarado were murdered and five other civilians were wounded, their names being: Raúl Olivera, Alejandro Espinoza, José Arróliga, Mario Alarcón and Amadeo Meza.

The Government of Nicaragua, through me, presents to the distinguished Government of Honduras the most vigorous protest concerning these further criminal acts, which constitute a most serious and unjustifiable assault on the domestic peace of Nicaragua and a distinct threat to the whole of the Central American region; we hold the distinguished Government of Honduras indirectly responsible for these criminal acts as long as it tolerates, in utter disregard of its international obligations, the use of Honduran territory by these groups as a sanctuary where they organize and prepare their actions and to which they flee in order to ensure that their acts go unpunished.

The Government of Nicaragua stresses once again the pressing need for the earliest possible initiation of a dialogue at the highest level between our

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countries, so that we may try to achieve the urgent solution which this situation demands."

I shall be grateful if you will have this note circulated as a Security Council document.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Nicaragua to the United Nations
