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LETTER DATED 10 NOVEMBER 1982 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.  
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the following protest note No. 52, addressed by His Excellency Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, to His Excellency Dr. Edgardo Paz Bornica, Minister for Foreign Affairs at Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

9 November 1982

"I address myself to you, Sir, in order to inform you of the following:

"Yesterday, 8 November, at 2200 hours, a counter-revolutionary unit proceeding from the encampments established on Honduran territory, consisting of some 70 troops dressed in olive green and armed with FAL rifles, penetrated into Nicaraguan territory in the San José de las Manos sector, eight kilometres north-west of Dipilto, in the department of Nueva Segovia, and using violent means and threats of death rounded up the peasant workers from a number of estates and took them off to Honduran territory.

"According to the latest information available, a total of 42 peasants were abducted, as follows. From the 'Santa Adelaida' estate, owned by the Nicaraguan citizen Marco Tulio Avendaña, the following 20 peasants were kidnapped: Miguel A. Gómez, aged 25; Teodoro Mejía, aged 35; Lino Miranda, aged 30; Justino García, aged 23; Lorenzo Alfaro, aged 28; José Escoto, aged 30; Francisco Muñoz, aged 24; Candelario Vargas, aged 24; Santos R. Ramos, aged 19; Laureano Paz, aged 18; José Santos González, aged 22; Antonio Calíz, aged 28; Raymundo Muñoz, aged 20; Pedro A. Bautista, aged 18; Ventura Carazo, aged 22; Justo García, aged 28; Julio López, aged 45; Felipe López, aged 24; José Santos Bautista, aged 22 and Miguel Ángel Gómez, aged 22. From the 'Argentina' estate owned by the citizen Roger Peralta, the following peasants were abducted: Sergio Centeno, aged 17; Jerónimo Estrada, aged 17; Candelario Estrada, aged 16; Rufino Estrada, aged 20; Santos Estrada, aged 18; César Pastrana, aged 22; Sebastian Hernandez, aged 20; Margarita Pérez, aged 28; Porfirio Rodríguez, aged 22 and José Ruiz Talavera, aged 26. From the property 'La Laguna', owned by the citizen Pastor Lobo, the following peasants

were abducted: Julio Centeno Pérez, aged 30; Pedro Centeno López, aged 25; José López Centeno, aged 20; Santos López González, aged 18; Leoncio Pérez, aged 45; German Pérez Joya, aged 15; Santos Miranda, aged 25; Ernesto Talavera, aged 18; Lorenzo Centeno, aged 18; Estanislao Muñóz, aged 18; José Bautista Lagos, aged 16 and Pedro López Córdoba, also aged 16.

"As you know, this new criminal act perpetrated by the Somozist counter-revolutionaries who operate out of Honduras under the protection of powerful sectors of the Honduran Government and armed forces constitutes one more chapter in the campaign of vandalism and terror which, organized from Honduras, has as its principal victim the Nicaraguan population of the frontier zone which for nearly three years has been the target of the Somozist counter-revolutionary attacks.

"At this point, Sir, it is virtually unnecessary and futile to refer to the many rules of international law flouted daily by those who, instead of assuming the obligations laid down in international treaties and agreements, adopt an attitude of complicity and irresponsibility, thus permitting the increasing seriousness and the impunity of these crimes, putting our peoples in extremely precarious situations and exposing the whole Central American region to a conflict with consequences of which you cannot be unaware.

"The Government of Nicaragua believes that it is not enough merely to make rhetorical protestations of peace but that words must be backed by facts, since otherwise the result can only be a situation such as the one existing at present between our two countries. We are none the less persisting and shall continue to persist in our efforts to reach a peaceful solution to all these problems, something which will obviously be possible only when the Government of Honduras decides to give substance to its words of peace by immediately taking steps to dismantle the counter-revolutionary camps established in its territory and disband and disarm the counter-revolutionary groups operating there.

"May I remind you that in our conversation in the office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, you agreed in principle to visit Nicaragua in the first week of November. It has unfortunately not been possible for that meeting to take place for the sole reason that you, Sir, are taking the unyielding stand that you will not engage in a direct dialogue with us, on relations between our countries, despite the fact that the serious incidents and violations occurring almost daily in the border zone are leading to extreme situations and constitute the most serious focus of tension in Central America. These events lead us to consider unjustifiable and even reprehensible the reluctance of the Government of Honduras to initiate serious talks designed to find a peaceful solution to the present crisis. In the face of this situation, we are forced to question what exactly is the purpose behind this dual attitude of talking of peace on the one hand while on the other refusing to enter into a dialogue on our bilateral relations, which have so dangerously deteriorated because of the situation in the border zone.

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"In protesting this new and criminal act of aggression against our population and our territory, the Government of Nicaragua demands the immediate release of the 42 peasants who were abducted and holds the Government of Honduras responsible for their physical and moral well-being even as it demands their immediate release.

(Signed) Miguel D'ESCOTO BROCKMANN  
Minister for Foreign Affairs"

I request that you have this note circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jorge CANDA MORALES  
Ambassador  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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