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

On instructions from Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, I have the honour to send you a copy of the note of protest sent by our Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, the text of which reads as follows:

"Note No. 1138DSM. Tegucigalpa, D. C., 9 December 1982. Madam: I wish to inform you that today, at 8 a.m., elements of the Sandinist army fired on the Honduran village El Coyol near the El Guasaule customs house and injured three small children who were on the banks of the Guasaule river. The Government of Honduras, through my intermediary, presents a most vigorous protest concerning this new act of aggression on the part of the Government of Nicaragua, which constitutes a serious threat to the peace and security of the Central American region. Once again I wish to convey to you my Government's concern about the hostile acts of the Sandinist forces, whose cruelty even extends to children now; once again I draw your attention to the serious consequences and responsibilities that may arise for the Government of Nicaragua as a result of this behaviour, which is totally at variance with the most elementary norms of humanity and with the peaceful coexistence which that Government claims to support. Accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs. Addressee: Her Excellency Mrs. Nora Astorga, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Managua, Nicaragua."

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this note to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Francisco Dario LOBO
Alternate Ambassador and
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.