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LETTER DATED 13 DECEMBER 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you a note dated 2 December 1982 addressed to His Excellency Mr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Honduras, by Her Excellency Nora Astorga, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, concerning Nicaragua's reply to Honduran notes referring to Ahuasbila.

"Sir,

I wish to refer to your notes No. DSS-754 of 22 November 1982 and No. 1079 DSM of 29 November 1982 referring to a presumed violation of Honduran airspace and an alleged provocation of its armed forces by members of the Nicaraguan armed forces.

The Government of Nicaragua, through me, rejects categorically and in the most vigorous manner your notes, which we regard as not only inconsistent but irresponsible and totally unfounded. Nicaragua strictly and scrupulously respects the sovereignty of Honduras and especially its territorial sovereignty, the action of our forces in the frontier zone being limited to the defence of our own territorial integrity, which is constantly being violated from Honduran territory.

In the current circumstances, it is for your illustrious Government to reply to the many protest notes from Nicaragua concerning attacks on our frontier posts, towns and villages, and the abduction and murder of peasants, members of the militia and soldiers, since according to international norms the Republic of Honduras is obliged to adopt the necessary measures to disband and capture the Somozist armed bands established in its territory, to dismantle the counter-revolutionary camps that exist there, and to punish the military men and officials of your Government who collaborate actively in the organization and execution of the attacks of which Nicaragua has been the victim for more than three years, which originate in your territory and which have been denounced by my Government in a publication which we sent both to you and to other high officials of the Government of Honduras.

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As we have observed on previous occasions, it is completely pointless to speak of peace when, as in the present situation, words are not backed up by deeds. We also believe that if, as you allege, the Government of Honduras 'seeks only to live in peace with its neighbours', it should act in such a way as to make this possible, and not adopt an attitude of uncertainty, indifference, or even connivance with regard to those who are seeking not only to destroy peace but to provoke a useless and unnecessary war between our countries."

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

(signed) Javier Chamorro MORA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Nicaragua
to the United Nations
