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LETTER DATED 6 JANUARY 1983 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 Dr. Guillermo Suárez Rivas, Ambassador of Nicaragua in Honduras, the text of which reads as follows:

"Note No. 05/DA. Tegucigalpa, 5 January 1983. Sir: I have the honour to inform you that on 26 December 1982, at 2 p.m., seven members of the Sandinist People's Army penetrated the Sabana Yasy village, in the district of the municipality of San Marcos de Colón, Choluteca Department and forcibly removed the Honduran citizens Pedro Torres and Danilo Rueda Cruz to Nicaragua; their fate is unknown. In making, on behalf of my Government, a formal and vigorous protest about this new act of violation of Honduran territory by the armed forces of Nicaragua, which does not augur well for the improvement of relations between our countries during the forthcoming year, I respectfully request you to use your good offices to ensure that the physical safety of the abducted persons is respected and they are returned to their homes. I take this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Addressee: His Excellency Mr. Guillermo Suárez Rivas, Ambassador of Nicaragua, Tegucigalpa."

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

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