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LETTER DATED 20 JANUARY 1983 FROM THE ACTING CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF  
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF HONDURAS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED  
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras,  
Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, I have the honour to transmit to you the contents of the  
note of protest sent by our Foreign Ministry to Dr. Guillermo Suárez Rivas,  
Ambassador of Nicaragua in Honduras, which reads as follows:

"Note No. 33DA. Tegucigalpa, 19 January 1983. His Excellency  
Dr. Guillermo Suárez Rivas, Ambassador of Nicaragua. Sir: I have the honour  
to express to you my profound regret at the continuation of the hostile acts  
by the Government of Nicaragua against my country, Honduras. On 13 January,  
at 9.15 a.m., a patrol of five persons belonging to our armed forces,  
11th Infantry Battalion, was attacked by members of the Sandinist army in the  
sector of Palo Verde, district of Concepción de María. Despite the repeated  
assertions of the Nicaraguan authorities regarding their peaceful intentions,  
elements of the Sandinist People's Army are continually harassing members of  
our armed forces and terrifying the Honduran citizens residing in the frontier  
sector. These incidents have sometimes resulted in deplorable losses of human  
life among our citizens and are naturally not helping to maintain the  
harmonious relations which should exist between Honduras and Nicaragua.  
Accordingly, on behalf of my Government, I again lodge a strong protest  
against the hostile acts by the Sandinist People's Army which are so  
regrettably continuing. I take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency  
the assurances of my highest consideration. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for  
Foreign Affairs."

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  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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