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LETTER DATED 24 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

I have the honour to inform you that the Permanent Mission of Honduras to the United Nations has received document No. 051 DESM from His Excellency the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, Mr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, addressed to yourself, and that it reads as follows:

"Document No. 051 DESM. Tegucigalpa, DC, 21 January 1983.  
His Excellency Mr. M. Atsu-Koffi Amega,  
Ambassador of the Togolese Republic,  
President of the United Nations Security Council,  
New York

"Sir,

"I have the honour to write to you in order to refer to the complaint made by the Government of Nicaragua to the Security Council of the United Nations with reference to the joint exercise to be carried out in Honduras in the near future.

"I wish to inform you that the Government of Honduras, in keeping with its eminently pacific position, has invited the Government of Nicaragua, together with the Governments of the other countries of Central America and Panama, to send observers to witness the above-mentioned exercise, which is designed solely to provide training for the armed forces of Honduras.

"In confirmation of my statements, I am transmitting to you the text of the official invitation which the Government of Honduras has extended to the Government of Nicaragua through the Minister for Foreign Affairs of that country, Mr. Miguel D'Escoto.

"Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.  
(Signed) Edgardo Paz BARNICA, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

"Document No. 034 DSM. Tegucigalpa, DC, 17 January 1983.  
His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto B.,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs,  
Managua, Nicaragua.

"Sir,

"I have the honour to write to you in order to inform your Government that, from 6 to 10 February next, joint technical manoeuvres of combined land, air and naval forces of Honduras and the United States will be carried out in the Honduran area of La Mosquitia.

"The sole purpose of this joint exercise is to provide technical training for our armed forces, and it should at no time give rise to apprehension on the part of your Government, since Honduras maintains unswerving respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States and pursues a peaceful policy based on mutual respect and the principles approved by the international community, such as non-intervention and the self-determination of peoples.

"In order that your Government may ascertain for itself the above-mentioned purpose of the exercise, the Government of Honduras takes this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to the Government of Nicaragua to send an observer to witness the manoeuvres.

"Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.  
(Signed) Edgardo Paz BARNICA, Minister for Foreign Affairs."

I should be most 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.  
Ambassador, Alternate Permanent Representative

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