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LETTER DATED 31 MARCH 1983 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF NICARAGUA  
ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
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I hereby transmit to you a note of protest addressed to His Excellency Mr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Honduras, by His Excellency Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, on 30 March 1983.

"I am writing to you in connection with the following incidents:

"On 28 March, at 11.30 a.m., a group of counter-revolutionaries coming from Honduras and armed with mortars, 60-mm machine guns and FAL rifles, made a raid into our territory and proceeded to attack the Kum observation post in the north of the Department of Zelaya. When Nicaraguan troops appeared, the counter-revolutionaries immediately withdrew to their bases in Honduran territory.

"At 6 a.m. yesterday, 29 March, another counter-revolutionary group, also coming from Honduras, attacked the village of Teotecacinte in the Department of Nueva Segovia with mortar and rifle fire, wounding a minor, Leopoldo Jiménez. Troops of the Sandinist People's Army repulsed the attack and the group hastily withdrew to Honduran territory, through the sector of Murrupuchi, 8 kilometres north-west of Jalapa.

"On the same day, at 6 a.m., another group of counter-revolutionaries, coming from Honduras like the others, again attacked in the frontier zone, in the sector of Kum, in Zelaya Norte.

"In expressing to the Government of Honduras our strongest formal protest at these new acts of aggression, my Government once again reiterates its willingness to continue its efforts to preserve peace and tranquillity in the frontier zone - an objective which is becoming increasingly difficult to attain because of the attitude adopted by your Government of harboring and encouraging those who are promoting an open conflict between our countries."

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I should be grateful if this note of protest could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Victor Hugo TINOCO  
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Representative of Nicaragua on the Security Council

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