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LETTER DATED 25 MARCH 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF HONDURAS  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, our Minister for Foreign Affairs, I should like through you to inform the Council that we have received "reports from the frontier zone with Nicaragua to the effect that at 3 p.m. yesterday, the Sandinist People's Army began a massive mobilization towards the border, opposite the departments of Choluteca and Gracias a Dios in particular. This unjustified show of force is an act of open provocation and a real threat to the peace and security of the region. The Government of Honduras once again affirms its desire for peace, its absolute neutrality in Nicaragua's present internal armed conflict and its unswerving resolve to launch forthwith a regional dialogue aimed at finding lasting solutions to the very grave situation facing Central America. We fervently hope that the bellicose attitude of the Sandinist Army will not prompt it to attack our national territory, in which case the Government of Honduras, in pursuance of constitutional mandates and in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, would be forced to exercise its right to self-defence". I should be grateful if you would arrange for this note to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Enrique ORTEZ COLINDRES  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

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