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LETTER DATED 4 APRIL 1983 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE  
PERMANENT MISSION OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of Declaration made on  
29 March 1983, by the Spokesman of the Foreign Ministry of the Lao People's  
Democratic Republic concerning the increasing acts of aggression against Nicaragua.

I should be grateful if you could have this letter and its enclosure  
circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Xaynhonh KHAMMAVONG  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of  
the Permanent Mission of the  
Lao People's Democratic Republic  
to the United Nations

Annex

Declaration by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

[Original: French]

In implementation of its systematic plan of destruction and disruption, the Government of Honduras, with the support of the Government of the United States of America, recently ordered its troops to attack the Nicaraguan Army observation post two kilometres from Santomas Desl, in the province of Chinandega (northern Nicaragua) and massed a large military force there. At the same time, it sent the remnants of the dictator Somoza's forces, which it has been maintaining and training in Honduran territory, to disturb the peaceful life of the population of Nicaragua, thus creating a very tense situation in that region. In order to avert the threat to its security, the Government of Nicaragua decided to bring the matter before the Security Council of the United Nations.

These ignoble acts of provocation committed by the armed forces of Honduras at the instigation of the Reagan Administration have been going on ever since the liberation of Nicaragua. They constitute not only aggression aimed at destroying the achievements of the Nicaraguan revolution and restoring the dictatorial Somoza régime, previously overthrown by the people of Nicaragua, but also a serious threat to the independence and sovereignty of Nicaragua and to peace and stability in the region and throughout the world.

The spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic strongly condemns the Honduran military authorities, who, with the support of the United States Government, have committed military provocations in the frontier area of the two countries. These rash actions by the Government of Honduras are a flagrant violation of the independence and territorial integrity of the Republic of Nicaragua, an economic blockade measure and an insolent challenge to peace-loving and justice-loving public opinion throughout the world.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic demands an immediate halt to all these vicious acts by Honduras and the cessation of military support for the traitors belonging to the fallen Somoza régime. It also demands that the United States Administration should desist from all intervention in the internal affairs of the countries of Central America and considers that such acts are in flagrant violation of the fundamental principles governing international relations.

The Government and people of the Lao People's Democratic Republic resolutely support the just and heroic struggle of the people of Nicaragua against the aggression and provocations of the United States Administration and in defence of the achievements of their revolution and their independence.

Vientiane, 29 March 1983

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