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LETTER DATED 5 JULY 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the note sent on 30 June 1983 to Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, by Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua.

"Sir,

I am writing to you in connection with your notes 287 DA, 302 DA and 306 DA, dated 20, 21 and 24 June 1983, in which you refer to some incidents that allegedly took place in the frontier area and that you attribute to members of the armed forces of Nicaragua.

Having requested our military authorities to conduct the necessary investigations to determine whether your assertions were true, I have been informed by those authorities that they have no knowledge of any attack at the places and dates indicated, or at any other place or date, and that the Nicaraguan forces assigned to the frontier area have precise instructions to respect the established frontiers and are fully complying with those instructions.

At the same time, I consider it relevant to point out that the sites at which you state that the alleged incidents occurred are places under the absolute control of the army of Honduras and the Somozist mercenaries established there and that it would be more logical to investigate whether those forces might be the ones responsible for the events mentioned, since there are reliable reports indicating that counter-revolutionary forces are planning to carry out criminal actions against Honduran civilians which would be blamed on Nicaragua, affording a pretext to provoke open war between Honduras and Nicaragua.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Government of Nicaragua categorically rejects your notes and repeats its invitation to direct an unconditional dialogue between the two States as an irreplaceable means of easing the tension in the frontier area and avoiding a conflict whose consequences would be incalculable.

(Signed) Miguel D'ESCOTO BROCKMANN
Minister for Foreign Affairs"

I should be grateful if you would have this note circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Javier CHAMORRO MORA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Nicaragua
to the United Nations
