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LETTER DATED 1 JULY 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

Upon instructions from the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, Mr. Arnulfo Pineda Lopez, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the content of the note of protest sent to His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, which reads as follows:

"Tegucigalpa, D.C., 30 June 1983. His Excellency, Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockman, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Managua, Nicaragua. Sir, I have the honour to refer to the notes of this Foreign Ministry Nos. 331-DSM and 306-DA, dated 21 and 24 June 1983, concerning, respectively, the deaths of the North American journalists Dial Torgerson and Richard Ernest Cross and the wounding of the Honduran citizen Francisco Edas Rodriguez, and the theft of a truck, both of which incidents occurred on the highway between Cifuentes and Trojes. In reiterating the same energetic protests contained in the above-mentioned notes, the Government of Honduras, after receiving the report of the commission of military experts which was appointed to conduct an in-depth investigation into the cases, feels duty bound to point out that the cause of the criminal attacks was not the firing, from Nicaraguan territory, of anti-tank grenades as had initially been thought. It has been proved that they were occasioned by the explosion of anti-tank and anti-personnel mines laid by the Sandinist forces on the Honduran highway with the malicious intention of provoking this type of indiscriminate bloodshed in open violation of the territorial integrity of Honduras. I take this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest consideration. (Signed) Arnulfo Pineda Lopez, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs."

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

(Signed) Francisco Darío LOBO
Alternate Ambassador and
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
