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LETTER DATED 22 JUNE 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 a note dated 20 June 1983 which was sent to His Excellency Mr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, by His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua.

"Sir, I am writing to you with reference to your note No. 265 DA 14 of June 1983 in which you make a protest about an alleged attack against the Honduran village of Las Trojes, close to the Jalapa sector in Nicaragua, by members of the Sandinist People's Army.

"My attention is struck by the fact that you refer in the way that you do to the serious incidents which occurred in the month of June in the Jalapa sector and which were described in notes Nos. 084 and 085, dated 4 and 6 June respectively. Those notes denounced the indiscriminate attacks with mortar and cannon by the Honduran army against Nicaraguan territory and the invasion of national territory by Honduran soldiers and Somoza mercenaries, the forces of the Honduran army penetrating as far as El Porvenir sector in the department of Nueva Segovia. Prior to this invasion, which started on 5 June, artillery units of the armed forces of Honduras initiated an intensive barrage of mortar and cannon fire directed against Nicaraguan positions; this lasted for three hours.

"In spite of the current grave situation, the patriotic Nicaraguan forces at no time attacked Honduran territory, confining their action to intercepting and subsequently expelling those who had invaded national territory. It is quite possible that, because of the confusion which the prompt and conclusive response of our armed forces generated among the invading forces of Honduran soldiers and Somoza mercenaries, some shots were fired at the wrong target by the Honduran artillery units backing up the invasion and you represented these as a Nicaraguan attack. As to the soldier who was allegedly wounded, we have reports that some of the Honduran troops who attacked and penetrated into Nicaraguan territory were killed or wounded; one of the casualties may be the soldier Nelson Porfirio Cruz. As to the village of Las Trojes, it seems that it was evacuated by the Honduran army and partially placed under the control of the Somoza mercenaries.

"In the light of the foregoing, the Government of Nicaragua rejects your note outright as being improper and lacking in veracity, since it disregards the actual situation existing in the sector concerned, as in other sectors of the frontier, a situation which derives from the attacks against our territory by the Honduran army and the Somoza mercenaries.

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

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this note to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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

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