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OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF HONDURAS TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of Mr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the content of a note of protest sent to His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, which reads as follows:

"Tegucigalpa, 21 June 1983, No. 331-DSM. His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Managua, Nicaragua. Sir, I am performing the duty of reporting to you that today, in the afternoon, at a place called Quebrada de la Vigia, on the road between Trojes and Cifuentes, department of El Paraíso, which is in Honduran territory, a tourist vehicle was attacked and hit by anti-tank grenades fired by soldiers of the Sandinist Army of Nicaragua from the estate of La Tabacalera, in the locality of El Porvenir in Nicaraguan territory. I draw the attention of your Government to the brutality and cold-bloodedness manifested by the Nicaraguan regular army in committing this criminal attack, which is not only an act of naked aggression against our territory and a further grave violation of Honduran sovereignty but also a most reprehensible assault on human life in that three foreign journalists were killed when the above-mentioned vehicle split in two and a Honduran peasant also died from the blast of the explosion. I would also point out that another vehicle, which was driving behind the one destroyed by the anti-tank grenade, was also attacked, with rifle fire, but succeeded in escaping, arrived at Trojes and reported what had happened to the competent authorities. The armed forces of Honduras have assigned to the scene of the bloodshed a patrol and a group of civilians to rescue the bodies, but so far they have been unable to carry out their task because of the continual attacks unleashed from Nicaraguan territory by the Sandinist army. The Government of Honduras, in making a protest in the strongest possible terms because of this further act of aggression against our sovereignty, announces that it will adopt all necessary measures in order to recover the victims of the above attack, and from this time onwards it holds the Government of Nicaragua responsible for any incidents that may occur as a result of the constant harassment to which

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Honduran territory and the Honduran population is subjected by the regular army of Nicaragua. Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs."

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

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