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LETTER DATED 22 JUNE 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

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 sent to His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, which reads as follows:

"No. 302. Tegucigalpa, 21 June 1983. His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Managua, Nicaragua. Sir, I have the honour to write to you to inform you that at 2100 hours on 18 June, elements of the Sandinist People's Army opened fire with machine guns and rifles on the customs guard of the Palo Verde sector, district of Concepción de María, Department of Choluteca, and that the action lasted approximately 15 minutes, there being no return fire from the Honduras side. I am once again obliged to lodge a vehement protest because of those acts of provocation and aggression by the Sandinist People's Army. However, my Government maintains its firm resolve to exhaust the peaceful means which are established under international law in order to settle all disputes and avoid armed confrontations between States. At the same time, it firmly upholds its right to act in self-defence to protect the territorial integrity and national sovereignty of Honduras and requests the Government of Nicaragua to refrain from provocative attacks of this nature which, instead of solving difficulties, demonstrate a desire and determination not to have peace in the region. 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  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.