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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. 265 DA. Tegucigalpa, 14 June 1983. Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Managua, Nicaragua. Sir, I have the honour to write to you in order to inform you that on 8 June, from 0600 hours onwards, elements of the Sandinist People's Army harassed with missile fire the Honduran village of Las Trojes, from the place known as Jalapa in the territory of Nicaragua, using a combat vehicle with multiple launchers. The attack lasted until 1400 hours; it wounded a Honduran soldier, Nelson Profirio Cruz, and caused the evacuation of the inhabitants of the above-mentioned village, who left to protect their lives. In view of this unwarranted act of aggression by the Sandinist People's Army, the Government of Honduras is lodging a formal and vehement protest. At the same time it reaffirms its neutrality with respect to the internal conflict experienced by Nicaragua, without prejudice to the exercise of its inherent right to self-defence to protect its national sovereignty and territorial integrity, should that prove necessary.

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.