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LETTER DATED 28 APRIL 1983 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.  
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a note of protest addressed to His Excellency Dr. 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, on 27 April 1983.

"Sir,

"I am writing to inform you that yesterday, at midnight, Somoza mercenaries fired indiscriminately with 81 mm mortars and 50-calibre machine-guns on the small Nicaraguan village of La Cantina, situated three kilometres south-west of the frontier pass of Teotecacinte, in the department of Nueva Segovia, from their positions in Honduran territory. The Somoza counter-revolutionaries fired 60 shells in the direction of the village and it is not yet known, because of communication problems, whether there have been any victims or material damage.

"In submitting a strong and formal protest at this new act of aggression against our territory, we once again call attention to the compelling need for the Government of Honduras to put an end to these criminal acts, which are threatening the peace and security of the region, as required by international law.

"Accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

"(Signed) Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann  
"Minister for Foreign Affairs"

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

(Signed) Julio ICAZA GALLARD  
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to the United Nations

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