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LETTER DATED 16 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 communiqué issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua and dated 15 June 1983:

## COMMUNIQUE

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, with reference to the visit of the Ambassador at large of the United States of America, Mr. Richard Stone, reports as follows:

1. On 1 June 1983, the Governing Junta of National Reconstruction extended an invitation to Mr. Richard Stone, as a sign of the readiness to engage in dialogue which Nicaragua maintains in international affairs.

2. The Government of Nicaragua listened with interest to the positions expressed by Ambassador Stone regarding the situation in Central America and the steps being taken by the Governments of the Contadora Group, and concerning the critical relations between the United States and Nicaragua.

3. In response to our expressions of willingness to proceed to direct discussions of the relations between Nicaragua and the United States, in order to prevent a further deterioration in those relations, Mr. Stone replied that that was unnecessary 'because the United States does not feel threatened by Nicaragua'.

Our Government is therefore concerned at Ambassador Stone's denial of the need for such discussions of bilateral issues between the United States and Nicaragua, because Nicaragua does feel threatened by the United States, it being common knowledge that the aggression which Nicaragua is suffering results from the policy of the present United States Government, an aggressive policy that constitutes one basic aspect of the Central American crisis.

4. Ambassador Stone spoke of the Reagan Administration's support for the steps being taken by the Governments of the Contadora Group. However, in 'statements by its spokesmen and its actions, the United States Government

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repudiates the effort of the Contadora countries and, instead, gives incitement to armed conflict by:

(a) Preventing Honduras from entering into a bilateral dialogue with Nicaragua within the Contadora framework, as the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group have themselves proposed;

(b) Promoting, through the Central Intelligence Agency, armed attacks on the people of Nicaragua and criminal actions against the leaders of the revolution;

(c) Stepping up its intervention in the Central American region by occupying Honduran territory and landing offensive military units there, for the sole purpose of intensifying the acts of aggression against the peoples of El Salvador and Nicaragua, thus flouting the restrictions which the United States Congress itself has imposed on the Reagan Administration as regards its interventionist policy in Central America;

(d) Refusing once again to enter into direct discussions with Nicaragua on their bilateral relations.

The Government of Nicaragua has therefore found no basis for believing in the effectiveness of Mr. Stone's travels, which were supposedly undertaken with the aim of finding a solution to the regional crisis through dialogue. Rather, those travels would seem to form part of the propaganda campaign aimed at bolstering an approach which favours aggression and warfare in Central America. It is part of an attempt to neutralize the entire Contadora effort, with its realistic aim of promoting bilateral or multilateral dialogue, according to the nature of the issues, designed to achieve peace in Central America.

6. The Government of Nicaragua reiterates its complete readiness to enter into sincere and constructive discussions on the basis of all those points that may be of concern to the United States Government and to our Government, and in that spirit it informed Mr. Stone of its agreement to receive him on his next visit to the region."

I shall be grateful if you will have this communiqué circulated as a Security Council document.

> (<u>Signed</u>) Javier CHAMORRO MORA Ambassador Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations