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LETTER DATED 7 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 herewith the text of a note dated 6 June 1983 from His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed to His Excellency Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras.

"Sir,

"I take this opportunity to inform you of the serious events described below.

"Yesterday, 5 June 1983, at an early hour of the morning, a sizable contingent of the armed forces of Honduras began an intense barrage of mortar and cannon fire directed against the positions of the Nicaraguan armed forces, which continued for a period of three hours. Immediately after this first attack, counter-revolutionary forces consisting of an estimated 600 Somozist mercenaries invaded the national territory, accompanied by an indeterminate number of Honduran troops. These events occurred in the Porvenir sector, situated 16 kilometres north-east of Jalapa and 2 kilometres from the frontier line, in the department of Nueva Segovia.

"Having intercepted them, our troops fought a battle yesterday against the combined forces of Somozist mercenaries and Honduran soldiers who had penetrated the frontier with them as far as Porvenir, where their advance was checked. It was also possible to observe that other Somozist forces are deployed in Honduran territory using trucks of the Honduran armed forces, which maintain throughout this zone a large body of troops and substantial quantities of military equipment.

"As a result of the treacherous and criminal aggression perpetrated by the Honduran soldiers and the Somozist mercenaries whom they support, 20 Nicaraguan patriots lost their lives.

"In view of the extreme gravity of the events which I am denouncing, despite the futility of this and many previous denunciations, the Government of Nicaragua considers that it has a duty to draw attention once again to its standing invitation to the Government of Honduras to exercise good sense and to work for peace, putting an end to its acts of aggression, attacks and provocative actions against our country, as a result of which our relations have entered an extremely dangerous phase.

"The Government of Nicaragua, in lodging its formal and vigorous protest to the Government of Honduras at this new act of aggression on the part of the Honduran army and the Somozist mercenaries, demands an immediate end to the attacks and renews its call for a dialogue between Honduras and Nicaragua which would prevent the present situation from developing into an open conflict between the two countries.

(Signed) Miguel D'ESCOTO BROCKMANN
Minister for Foreign Affairs"

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

(Signed) Javier CHAMORRO MORA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Nicaragua
to the United Nations
