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TELEGRAM DATED 7 JUNE 1983 FROM THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER  
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BELIZE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to draw Your Excellency's attention to the following  
communication which I have today addressed to His Excellency  
Sr. Eduardo Castillo Arriola, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guatemala City.

"Your Excellency,

"On the morning of Sunday, 5 June, in the village of Arenal, which is  
situated on the Belize/Guatemala border some six miles south of Benque Viejo  
del Carmen, a Guatemalan civilian, Pedro Barrera, was murdered by gunmen in  
civilian clothes who had crossed into Belize with the apparent intention of  
abducting him. This incident was observed from the Guatemalan side of the  
border by a number of uniformed members of the Guatemalan armed forces, with  
whom the gunmen had arrived, and whom they subsequently rejoined. The same  
men made subsequent unsuccessful attempts to remove the body of the deceased  
to Guatemala.

"The Government of Belize wish hereby to manifest their abhorrence of  
this callous and barbarous act, which constitutes a flagrant violation of  
Belizean territory and Belizean sovereignty and, while registering the  
strongest possible protest, request the Guatemalan Government to take all the  
necessary steps which the situation demands."

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to arrange circulation of this  
communication as a document of the Security Council.

Prime Minister and Minister of  
Foreign Affairs, Belize

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