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LETTER DATED 1 AUGUST 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 to you herewith the note sent on 28 July 1983 to His Excellency Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, by His Excellency Mr. Victor Hugo Tinoco Fonseca, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua.

"Sir,

I am writing to you in connection with your note No. 343 DA, dated 21 July 1983, in which you refer to alleged incidents in which, according to your note, a leading part was played by members of the Sandinist People's Army.

With regard to the alleged incidents which, according to your note occurred on 10 and 14 July 1983, the Nicaraguan military authorities have reported that they are not aware that any members of our army have participated in any matter of that kind, much less penetrated into Honduran territory. It is appropriate to recall, in this regard, that the Nicaraguan armed forces have express instructions from the Government of Nicaragua to respect absolutely the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Honduras and that those instructions are obeyed in full.

With regard to the incident which took place on 20 July in the Gulf of Fonseca, the Government of Nicaragua entered a formal and vigorous protest with the Government of Honduras in note DAJ. No. 106, dated 20 July 1983, in which it included the true account of the events which had taken place that day in Nicaraguan territorial waters.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Government of Nicaragua rejects your note in its entirety, while reiterating its invitation to a bilateral, direct and unconditional dialogue between the two States, with a view to making headway in the re-establishment of peace and security between Honduras and Nicaragua and in the Central American region.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Victor Hugo TINOCO FONSECA
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs"

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

(Signed) Julio ICAZA GALLARD
Ambassador
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Nicaragua to the United Nations
