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LETTER DATED 1 SEPTEMBER 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am writing to you in order to transmit the text of the following note, dated 30 August 1983, which was sent to His Excellency Mr. 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.

"Sir,

"My purpose in writing to you is to inform you of the following:

"1. Today, 30 August, at 0610 hours, an undetermined number of Somozist mercenaries, with the support of regular troops belonging to the Honduran army, attacked from Honduran territory the frontier village of San Pedro de Potrero Grande, Chinandega Department, and as a result of the attack, in which mortars, heavy machine-guns and various artillery were fired, two Nicaraguans were killed and three were wounded.

"2. On 29 August, at 0745 hours, a BH aircraft, coming from Honduran territory, flew over the towns of San José de Cusmapa and La Sabana, Chinandega Department, and then returned to Honduran territory.

"3. On 28 August, at 0800 hours, a counter-revolutionary group arrived from Honduran territory in a white-coloured boat, went as far as the village of Catarina, situated 12 kilometres to the south of Potosí, Chinandega Department, and kidnapped three Nicaraguan citizens members of the reserve. The Nicaraguan citizens were taken to the counter-revolutionary encampment called "Las Casitas", which is in Choluteca Department in the Republic of Honduras. Two of the kidnapped victims were barbarously killed at the encampment, while the third succeeded in escaping and returned to Nicaragua, where he reported the facts of the incident.

"The Government of Nicaragua considers that acts of the type outlined above constitute a further contradiction of the professions of peace made by the Government of Honduras and form part of the policy of provocation and aggression against our country which the United States Administration is fomenting.

"In submitting a formal and strong protest to the Government of Honduras about these most recent attacks against national territory and about the kidnapping and murder of Nicaraguan citizens, the Government of Nicaragua demands an investigation of the incidents described above and repeats its willingness to engage in dialogue with the Government of Honduras and its unreserved support for the démarches of the Contadora Group aimed at restoring peace between our countries and in Central America.

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

I request that this note be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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