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Letter dated 29 September 1988 from the Permanent Representative  
of Honduras to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith, on instructions from my Government, the following press release, which I request you to have circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 22.

"Press release

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Honduras has been surprised at the reports carried by press agencies from Managua, Nicaragua, to the effect that in the last few hours air attacks by Honduran aircraft against Nicaraguan territory, rifle fire and violations of Nicaraguan air space over the communities of Santo Tomás del Nance, San Pedro and Somotillo have taken place.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs officially denies these statements, whose purpose is assuredly to foment a climate of tension between the two countries prior to the statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua before the General Assembly of the United Nations. The Government of Honduras publicly invites the Government of Nicaragua to contribute, by its actions and its moderation, to the maintenance and improvement of the situation of calm currently prevailing on the border between the two

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countries, and to refrain from any act which might lead to a deterioration in international peace and security in Central America.

"Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Republic of Honduras  
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(Signed) Roberto MARTINEZ ORDOÑEZ  
Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative of  
Honduras to the United Nations

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