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OF HONDURAS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On express instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency and, through you, to the States members of this honourable Council, the text of the note sent by the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, Mr. Arnulfo Pineda López, to the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, Dr. Nora Astorga, the contents of which have also been transmitted to the Organization of American States. It reads as follows:

"Note No. 463 DA. Tegucigalpa, D.C., 28 September 1983. Her Excellency Mrs. Nora Astorga, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, Managua, Nicaragua. Madam: I am writing to Your Excellency in order to acknowledge receipt of your telex dated 26 September, in which you announce attacks against the El Espino customs post in the department of Madriz, perpetrated on 25 and 26 September by an armed group of Nicaraguans, which according to you enjoyed the presumed support of elements of the Honduran army. Your Excellency also refers to another confrontation, also on 26 September, led by another Nicaraguan armed group originating from Honduran territory against the Nicaraguan village of Santa María; after being repelled, the group again took refuge in Honduras. Having made the necessary investigations, I can inform you that there is a regrettable error in the information given to Your Excellency, since the Honduran army has not intervened in support of groups opposing your Government; it may be appropriate to remind you that the armed forces of Honduras have no other mission than to safeguard the sacred national interests. I deem it opportune to confirm our vocation as a pacifist people, respectful of the principles of international law; for that reason, we shall never involve ourselves in destabilizing actions of any kind. It is very difficult for our Government to pronounce itself on incidents instigated by Nicaraguans in Nicaraguan territory and we therefore strongly reject the protest made to us by Your Excellency. I take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Arnulfo Pineda López,  
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs."

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I should be grateful if you could submit this note as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) H. Roberto HERRERA CACERES  
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

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