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LETTER DATED 24 MAY 1983 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF NICARAGUA IN THE
SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a note of protest dated 23 May 1983 addressed to Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, by Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua.

"Sir,

I am writing to you to inform you of the following:

On 21 May 1983, counter-revolutionary troops, numbering approximately 300 men, operating from their bases in Honduran territory, entered Nicaraguan territory through the Terrerías sector, in the department of Nueva Segovia; the invaders were intercepted by our troops, and fighting against them has been going on since that day, about 13 kilometres from the frontier.

On that same date, 21 May, another counter-revolutionary unit consisting of about 60 Somozists, also operating from Honduran territory, entered our territory through the El Carbón and El Portillo sectors and was halted in its advance by our armed forces. The fighting is going on up to the present time, 1.5 kilometres from the frontier line.

Also on 21 May, another Somozist unit consisting of some 70 individuals entered Nicaraguan territory from Honduras, through the El Porvenir sector. It was intercepted by Nicaraguan troops, and the fighting is continuing up to this day, 500 metres from the frontier line.

Yesterday, 22 May 1983, a force consisting of 100 Somozist mercenaries coming from Honduras entered our national territory through the Escambray and La Providencia sectors; it was halted by our troops, and fighting is going on up to this day, 1.5 and 2.5 kilometres from the frontier line respectively.

In transmitting to the Government of Honduras my Government's vigorous and formal protest against the attacks mentioned, we issue a new invitation to the essential bilateral dialogue between our countries that could lead to an easing of the tensions in the area and the restoration of peace in the frontier zone between Honduras and Nicaragua.

Nicaragua also repeats its already insistent appeals to the Government of Honduras to abandon its imprudent and dangerous attitude which is making increasingly real the possibility of open conflict between our countries.

I take this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

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

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

(Signed) Victor Hugo TINOCO FONSECA
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs
Representative of Nicaragua in
the Security Council
