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

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the text of note No. 468-DA addressed by the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of my country on 30 September 1983 to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, which contains a most energetic protest by my Government concerning the constant acts of intimidation against our frontier population and repeated violations of our sovereignty and territorial integrity by members of the Sandinist People's Army. The text of this note, which has already been communicated to the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States, reads as follows:

"Tegucigalpa, DC, 30 September 1983. Note No. 468-DA. His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Managua, Nicaragua. Sir, I have the honour to inform you of the following three incursions by members of the Sandinist People's Army into Honduran territory, in violation of national sovereignty and of the human rights and property of Honduran citizens. (a) On 18 September 1983, at 11 p.m., at the village of Tapalchi in the Department of El Paraíso, a group of 50 members of the Sandinist People's Army entered Honduran territory and caused material damage to the property of Mr. Joaquín Ramos, cutting his fences and killing two horses belonging to him. (b) On 19 September 1983, at 8 p.m., members of the Sandinist People's Army entered Honduran territory by way of the Trojes sector, Department of El Paraíso, seized Mr. Francisco Arriola and his son, Miguel Arriola, both of Honduran nationality, and took them to the banks of the River Guano, where they questioned them for several hours and then released them. (c) On 21 September 1983, at 9.30 p.m., members of the Sandinist People's Army opened fire in Honduran territory with mortars and machine-guns, setting ablaze the home and adjacent shop, valued at L 25,000, of Mr. Anibal Chacón, situated in the village of Las Vegas, district of Trojes, Department of El Paraíso. The Government of Honduras presents through me to the Government of Nicaragua its most energetic protest at these further acts of aggression and requests it to order an immediate investigation of the incidents and punishment of those responsible. Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration. (Signed) Arnulfo Pineda López, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs."

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I would request you to arrange for this note to be issued and circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) H. Roberto HERRERA CACERES
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
