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LETTER DATED 10 OCTOBER 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the note dated 7 October 1983 from Her Excellency Dr. Nora Astorga, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed to His Excellency Mr. Arnulfo Pineda López, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras.

"Sir,

"I wish to take this opportunity to denounce the incidents described below.

"At 6 a.m. today, an unidentified plane penetrated national air space from Honduran territory and flew over the sector of Bayucín, situated 20 km west of the town of Ocotal, from where it headed for the village of San Fernando, situated 18 km north-east of Ocotal in the department of Nueva Segovia. It dropped two bombs which burst in the vicinity of San Fernando, fortunately without causing any damage.

"At 7.30 a.m. on the same day another unidentified plane coming from Honduran air space entered Nicaragua at the sectors of Portillo and Las Nubes, situated 14 km north of Ocotal, and attacked the sector of Cerro el Horno, 10 km north-east of that town, firing bursts from a 50-calibre machinegun, after which it returned to Honduran territory.

"Also at 7 a.m. today, an unidentified plane crossed into Nicaragua at the sector of Guapinol, 24 km north-east of Wiwilí; it carried out reconnaissance work and later returned to Honduras.

"These incidents form part of the series of escalating acts of aggression being committed by the Somozan mercenaries in the pay of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and are part of the interventionist and aggressive policy pursued by the Government of the United States against Nicaragua whereby Honduras has been converted into its principal base of operations, with the complicity and support of the Honduran Government and armed forces.

"In voicing its vigorous and formal protest at the criminal actions described above, the Government of Nicaragua stresses the increasingly urgent necessity that the Government of Honduras must abandon this dangerous position and, honouring its international undertakings and obligations, must renounce the role assigned to it and begin collaborating effectively in the efforts for peace in Central America.

"Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Nora ASTORGA  
Acting Minister for  
Foreign Affairs"

I should be obliged if you would have this note distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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

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