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CABLE DATED 25 JULY 1969 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
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The Government of Honduras wishes to inform you of the violations of human rights committed by the Government of El Salvador against the civilian population, men, women and children, of Honduran towns illegally occupied by units of the Salvadorian armed forces both before and after the cease-fire order issued by the Council of the Organization of American States acting as provisional Organ of Consultation. This situation has given rise to terror in towns, villages and hamlets near the localities occupied by Salvadorian troops and has caused more than twenty-seven thousand persons to leave their homes. Units of the Salvadorian armed forces have not only bombed defenceless towns but have also murdered civilians indiscriminately, setting fire to houses and looting and destroying private property. The above-mentioned incidents have occurred in the frontier provinces, and the population has been obliged to take refuge in various provinces of the interior, or in the neighbouring countries of Guatemala and Nicaragua. The number of persons displaced as a result of the war is constantly increasing and is expected to exceed fifty thousand. It would not be superfluous to reiterate that the Salvadorian aggression began, without a declaration of war, with air raids on undefended towns such as Ocotepeque, Santa Rosa de Copan, Gracias, Nacaome, San Lorenzo, Choluteca, Juticalpa, Catacamas and Tegucigalpa.

Accept Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Carlos H. REYES
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras

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