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LETTER DATED 24 JUNE 1966 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL*

On the instructions of the Soviet Government I have the honour to bring the following matter to your attention.

It has come to the knowledge of the Soviet Government that the President of Nicaragua, speaking at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 8 June 1966, and at Washington on 10 June 1966, made a number of statements calling outright for an armed invasion of the Republic of Cuba, and stated his willingness to make the territory of Nicaragua available for the preparation of such an aggressive act.

It may be recalled, in this connexion, that in April 1961 the territory of Nicaragua was used once before for the organization of an invasion of Cuba by imperialist mercenaries. On that occasion the Cuban people and its glorious armed forces routed and destroyed the invaders at Playa Girón, and world public opinion severely condemned those who inspired and organized that military adventure, including the Government of Nicaragua. Now the Government of Nicaragua is advocating the organization of another armed invasion of Cuba, although it must know that not only the accomplishment of such acts but even their instigation constitutes a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on the Inadmissibility of Intervention in the Domestic Affairs of States and the Protection of Their Independence and Sovereignty, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its twentieth session.

If, regardless of all these considerations, the Government of Nicaragua makes statements of unprecedented aggressiveness concerning the Republic of Cuba, it is because Nicaragua is backed by other forces inimical to peace. These forces are

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well known. In their efforts to prevent the Cuban people from following their chosen path of socialist development, they are mounting provocation after provocation against Cuba. It is these same forces that are waging a shameful war against the people of Viet-Nam, are responsible for armed intervention in the Dominican Republic and interfere in the domestic affairs of sovereign States, attempting by all possible means to disrupt the free, independent life of nations.

The letter of 11 June 1966 addressed to you by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba contains a just appraisal of the provocative statements by the President of Nicaragua and quite rightly points to the dangers to peace inherent in such a policy of provocation and threats.

The Soviet Government shares this view and the just indignation of the Government of Cuba and of the entire Cuban people over these statements by the President of Nicaragua.

Please arrange for this letter to be circulated as an official United Nations document.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) P. MOROZOV
Acting Permanent Representative of the
USSR to the United Nations

