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LETTER DATED 27 MAY 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 to you the text of the note sent to His Excellency Doctor Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, by His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, in reply to Note No. 283-DSM of 25 May 1983 from that Ministry.

"Sir:

I wish to refer to your Note No. 283-DSM of 25 May 1983, in which you formulate a protest concerning an alleged incident said to have occurred in the frontier area.

According to that note, at 10 a.m. on 24 May, Nicaraguan army troops attacked a Honduran vehicle between Trojes and Cifuentes, leaving five Hondurans dead and one wounded. The appropriate investigations have been carried out and the Nicaraguan military authorities have received no reports of any incident in this sector or indeed of any violation of Honduran territory by members of our armed forces, who have received strict orders to respect international frontiers, even when they are attacked from that territory.

There is no doubt that the information you have received is entirely untrue, as has occurred on many occasions in the past. If these five Honduran citizens have indeed been killed, they were most probably the victims of bands of Somozists mercenaries who are established in that sector, as in many other sectors of Honduran territory, or they may have been killed in a clash between Honduran citizens in Honduran territory.

In addition, you refer to a long series of alleged provocative acts against Honduras perpetrated by Nicaraguan troops, which seems more like an accurate list of all the attacks to which Nicaragua has been subjected by the Honduran armed forces and the Somozist counter-revolutionaries established in Honduras, where they enjoy the full support and active co-operation of the

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Government and army of Honduras, in accordance with the plans of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Government of the United States. In that connection, it is neither strange nor surprising that you should accuse Nicaragua of alleged "hostility" towards Honduras and state that my Government is a "factor of destabilization and aggression against all the countries of Central America". The same falsehoods are repeated daily by the Reagan Administration, with meagre results as you are well aware.

It is likewise instructive that you should speak of the need to undertake "without delay, without euphemism and in good faith a process of negotiation and dialogue", as if it were Nicaragua, and not the Government of Honduras, which has systematically refused to accept the repeated invitations of Nicaragua and other countries to initiate a bilateral dialogue that would make it possible to restore peace and tranquility in the frontier area.

(<u>Signed</u>) Miguel D'ESCOTO BROCKMANN Minister for Foreign Affairs"

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

(<u>Signed</u>) Javier CHAMORRO MORA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Nicaragua
to the United Nations