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LETTER DATED 11 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 note dated 11 October 1983 from Her Excellency Dr. Nora Astorga, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed to His Excellency Mr. George Shultz, Secretary of State of the United States of America.

"Sir,

"I wish to draw your attention to the following grave events.

"Yesterday, 10 October, at 11.30 p.m., Somozan mercenaries carrying out plans prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) aimed at destabilizing and destroying the Sandinist People's Revolution, sabotaged a tank of diesel fuel with a capacity of 1.6 million gallons, located in the port of Corinto. The sabotage caused a fire which spread to a second fuel tank, and which now threatens to engulf the remaining tanks of ethane, diesel and aviation fuel, as it has not yet been possible to bring it under control.

"It should be noted that these incidents are all the more serious in that they threaten the lives of hundreds of thousands of inhabitants of the port of Corinto. Such terrorist activities, which could not have been carried out without direction and financing from the United States Administration, constitute one of the most violent forms of disregard for human life.

"In voicing its most formal and vigorous protest at these criminal actions, the Government of Nicaragua demands an immediate halt to such terrorist acts and an end to assistance from the United States Administration to the Somozan mercenaries, and at the same time charges the United States Government directly with responsibility for the tragic consequences that may arise from these incidents, which place the very lives of the inhabitants of the port of Corinto in immediate danger.

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"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
