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LETTER DATED 20 OCTOBER 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
HONDURAS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of Note No. 484 DA which the Minister for Foreign Affairs of my country addressed, on 18 October 1983, to the Foreign Minister of Nicaragua, containing my Government's most vehement protest against another violation of our territory on the 11th of this month by aircraft of the Sandinista Air Force, which bombed a Honduran village, killing three campesinos, wounding several others, and causing widespread destruction. The text of the note reads as follows:

"Tegucigalpa, D. C., 18 October 1983. Note No. 484 DA. His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockman, Foreign Minister, Managua, Nicaragua.

"Sir,

"I once again wish to register the strongest protest against further violation of our territory by aircraft of the Sandinista Air Force, type Ara Push-and-Pull which carried out a bombardment on the 11th of this month at approximately 4 p.m., causing serious damage in Ilaya, Department of Gracias a Dios, in Honduran territory, resulting in the death of the poor campesinos Abraham Ceballos, Samuel Zelaya and Cornelio Salazar and seriously wounding José Gutiérrez, Orlanda Parista and Mollins Lino. This further violation of our territory and the blatant disregard for human life in killing humble and defenceless campesinos is in contradiction to the avowed intention of your Government to promote peace. Peace will not be achieved in Central America through intimidation and terror but by putting a stop to all acts of aggression and by a regional dialogue without preconditions, as my Government has proposed and still proposes, within the framework of the negotiations of the Contadora Group and in all international forums.

"I take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

"(Signed) Edgardo Paz BARNICA,  
Minister for Foreign Affairs."

The foregoing transcription has been brought to the attention of the Organization of American States, and I should be obliged if you would have this note circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) H. Roberto HERRERA CACERES  
Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative

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