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SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you a note dated 2 November 1983 from His Excellency Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed to His Excellency Mr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras.

"Sir,

I am writing in order to denounce the following facts.

Today, on 2 November, at 4.30 p.m., two coastguard vessels of the Honduran Navy, escorted by a helicopter, penetrated Nicaraguan territorial waters in the Gulf of Fonseca and attacked three Nicaraguan coastguard vessels engaged in normal surveillance work in this sector of the national territory. The purpose of the attack was to protect three high-speed launches manned by Somozan mercenaries while they were trying to penetrate Nicaraguan territorial waters - an act which demonstrates once again the open complicity and participation of the Honduran armed forces in the acts of aggression and provocation committed against Nicaragua.

In addition, also today, at 10.30 a.m., three aircraft of unidentified type coming from Honduras penetrated the national air space. The first aircraft flew over the place known as Ojo de Agua, 8 kilometres north of Ocotal, in the department of Nueva Segovia; the second flew over Jalapa and Murruchupi, in that same department; the third flew towards Wiwilí. All the aircraft returned to Honduran territory.

The Government of Nicaragua lodges a vigorous and formal protest at this new violation of the national territorial waters and air space and at the new aggression perpetrated by Honduran coastguard vessels against Nicaraguan vessels in the Gulf of Fonseca, on this occasion in order to provide cover and protection for mercenary groups.

The Government of Nicaragua reiterates that these actions appear to be part of a specific plan designed to provoke more serious incidents between the

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two countries, in order to facilitate open aggression against Nicaragua, in accordance with the projects formulated by the United States Government through the Central Intelligence Agency.

(Signed) Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann"

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this note to be circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Victor Hugo TINOCO FONSECA
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs
Representative of Nicaragua on the Security Council
