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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 following note, dated 22 November 1983, sent to His Excellency Mr. Fernando Volio Jiménez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, by His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua.

"I have the honour to convey to Your Excellency a number of reports we have received concerning movements and plans of mercenary groups in Costa Rican territory whose gravity we are sure you will appreciate.

According to this information, on 23 November - that is, tomorrow - mercenary forces numbering between 700 and 1,200 individuals plan to launch a series of attacks against Nicaraguan villages and frontier posts along the dividing line between Costa Rica and Nicaragua. For the purposes of carrying out these criminal actions, they are reported to be mobilizing mercenary groups at various points in Costa Rican territory near Nicaragua, such as Cacahuatas, Las Pavas, La Libertad, El Cacao, and in the sector of Peñas Blancas, near the Cabalceta estate. In addition, the airport of Upala is reportedly to be used for aerial actions in support of the attacks, and two armoured cars have been seen in the vicinity of Peñas Blancas.

Furthermore, we have information concerning the formation and presence of strong contingents of former Somoza national guards of the so-called 'Frente Democrático Nicaraguense' for the purpose of opening a new front of attacks against Nicaragua from bases in Guanacaste.

As Your Excellency knows, one of the objectives of these mercenary groups is to hamper the normal and amicable development of relations between Costa Rica and Nicaragua, an objective they seek to attain through the perpetration of acts of provocation and aggression, such as the one carried out recently against the village of Cárdenas on the occasion of the proclamation by the enlightened Government of Costa Rica of its neutrality.

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Consequently, it cannot be considered a coincidence that, after that proclamation, unreservedly supported by Nicaragua, provocative actions are following one another and a number of attacks are being prepared against Nicaraguan territory.

The Government of Nicaragua deems it its duty to bring to the notice of the enlightened Government of Costa Rica the plans described in the present note with a view to the adoption of the urgent measures necessary to prevent the possible occurrence, on the date indicated or any other date, of new attacks on Nicaraguan territory."

I request you to have the above note circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Javier CHAMORRO MORA
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Permanent Representative of Nicaragua
to the United Nations
