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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 a note dated 18 November 1983, sent to His Excellency Mr. Fernando Volio Jiménez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, by Her Excellency Dr. Nora Astorga, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua.

"I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's notice the serious events described below.

Today, 18 November, at 5.30 a.m. an undetermined number of counter-revolutionary elements initiated an attack from Costa Rican territory against the village of Cárdenas in the department of Rivas. As a result of this criminal action, three Nicaraguan civilians were wounded. At the time of writing, the locality of Cárdenas is still under mortar fire from those elements.

The Government of Nicaragua wishes to inform the enlightened Government of Costa Rica that we have learned from various sources of a strong concentration of counter-revolutionaries in the sector of Peñas Blancas who are preparing to attack Nicaraguan positions in that sector.

We wish to reiterate that these actions are aimed at creating a climate of tension and uncertainty between our two countries leading to a deterioration of our existing good relations, and also seeking to interdict the good faith of the Government of Costa Rica and hamper the effective application of the status of permanent, active and unarmed neutrality proclaimed yesterday by President Luis Alberto Monje and immediately supported by the Government of National Reconstruction.

The Government of Nicaragua invites the broadest co-operation of your enlightened Government to prevent the continuation of aggressions against our country by the use of Costa Rican territory, and reiterates its entire readiness to assist the Government of your country in whatever way it deems necessary to ensure that acts of this type against peace do not continue to occur."

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I should be grateful if you would kindly arrange to have this note circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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