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LETTER DATED 11 NOVEMBER 1983 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF NICARAGUA
ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose herewith texts of notes dated 10 November 1983 from Her Excellency Dr. Nora Astorga, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed to His Excellency Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the enclosed notes to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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

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Annex I

Letter dated 10 November 1983 from the Acting Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua addressed to the Minister
for Foreign Affairs of Honduras

I am writing with reference to your note No. 555 DA dated 9 November 1983, in which mention is made of an alleged attack on the village La Guaruma, Choluteca, by the Sandinist People's Army on 4 November.

After the necessary inquiries, it has been determined that the attack to which Your Excellency refers never occurred on that or any other date, in that or any other place.

It is a matter of profound concern to Nicaragua that the Government of Honduras should be denouncing fictitious attacks on Honduran territory and population centres by Nicaraguan forces, since we know - and have repeatedly denounced the fact - that there are plans for attacks on civilian and economic targets in Honduras which, being attributed to Nicaragua, would serve as a pretext for unleashing open war against Nicaragua.

In rejecting the entire content of Your Excellency's note, Nicaragua reiterates that it is only through respect for the inalienable rights of peoples that a stable and lasting peace can be built.

(Signed) Nora ASTORGA
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs

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Annex II

Letter dated 10 November 1983 from the Acting Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua addressed to the Minister
for Foreign Affairs of Honduras

I am writing to you in order to denounce further acts of aggression against Nicaragua, which I describe below.

Yesterday, on 9 November, at 8.40 a.m., an unidentified group of Somozan mercenaries attacked from the territory of Honduras the Nicaraguan border post of El Kum. In the attack, the mercenaries used mortar fire and heavy artillery, which killed six Nicaraguans, members of our Army, wounded one other and hit 10 people.

Later, between 5 and 6.30 p.m., the same group of Somozan mercenaries also attacked with heavy artillery and mortar the border post of Wasla, 24 kilometres north-east of Waspán, as a result of the criminal action, four more Nicaraguans were wounded.

These cowardly acts of aggression perpetrated with impunity from the territory of Honduras, using armaments which could hardly go unnoticed by the Honduran authorities, provide new evidence of the complicity and participation of the Government and armed forces of Honduras in these actions, which are part of the undeclared war of the United States Government against Nicaragua.

In lodging a formal and vigorous protest at the incidents described, the Government of Nicaragua again stresses the urgent need for the Government and the armed forces of Honduras to abandon this irresponsible policy and, on the basis of respect for the fundamental principles which should govern relations among States, sincerely to utilize the efforts being made to achieve the restoration of peace and security in the Central American region.

(Signed) Nora ASTORGA
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs
