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LETTER DATED 5 JANUARY 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a note dated 5 January 1984 from His Excellency Mr. 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 wish to take this opportunity to inform you of the following serious incidents:

"At 12.30 a.m. on 3 January 1984, two speedboats coming from Honduran waters in the Gulf of Fonseca penetrated Nicaraguan territorial waters and, for a period of 10 minutes, fired mortar shells at the port of Potosí, in the department of Chinandega.

"At the same time, an aircraft of an undetermined type harassed the same port, firing rockets which landed 400 metres from the port installations, and then withdrew towards Honduran territory whence it had come.

"At 10.50 p.m. on the same day, 3 January, another aircraft of an undetermined type, coming from Honduras, overflew the port of Potosí, in the department of Chinandega, firing rockets which landed on the installations of the ferry that operates in that locality and destroyed the house of a peasant family, and then withdrew towards Honduran territory, there having been no loss of human life.

"With regard to the serious incidents described above, which continue the already interminable series of acts of provocation and open violation of our national sovereignty and territorial integrity, the Government of Nicaragua registers a most formal and vigorous protest to your Government and requests that it conduct itself more in keeping with the norms of international law, which are the indisputable foundations for peaceful coexistence between our countries.

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"Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Miguel D'ESCOTO BROCKMANN  
Minister for Foreign Affairs"

I request you to have this note distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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

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