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LETTER DATED 2 NOVEMBER 1983 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF HONDURAS TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your notice the text of letter No. 525 DA sent on 1 November by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, Mr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, protesting most vigorously against a further act of aggression and violation of our territory perpetrated on that date by two Nicaraguan vessels sailing in Honduran territorial waters. The letter has been brought to the attention of the States members of the Organization of American States by the Honduran mission to that organization. The text is as follows:

"Letter No. 525 DA, Tegucigalpa D.C., 1 November 1983. To His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Managua, Nicaragua. Sir, I wish to inform you that, at 11.30 a.m. on today's date, two Honduran vessels on routine patrol duty in Honduran waters near the Farallones de Consignina area made visual contact with two Nicaraguan patrol boats, also sailing in Honduran waters, at latitude 13°06'00" North and longitude 87°45'00" West. At first the four naval units confined themselves to watching each other without approaching any further. At 11.45 a.m., however, the Nicaraguan boats opened fire on the Honduran vessels, which were then obliged to return fire. My Government once more protests most vigorously against this further aggression by the Government of Nicaragua, which casts doubt upon the intention and good faith with which that Government presented what it calls a final peace proposal. Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration. (Signed) Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs"

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

(Signed) Roberto FLORES BERMUDEZ
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.