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LETTER DATED 8 NOVEMBER 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF HONDURAS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the text of communication No. 542 DA, sent on 7 November 1983 by my country's Minister for Foreign Affairs to Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, registering our most vigorous protest at yet another act of aggression and violation of our territory perpetrated on 2 November 1983 by the Sandinist People's Army. This text has been transmitted to the States members of the Organization of American States by the Mission of Honduras to that Organization; it reads as follows:

"Communication No. 542 DA. Tegucigalpa, D C, 7 November 1983. His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Managua, Nicaragua. Sir: I am writing to you once more to register on behalf of the Government of Honduras a vigorous protest against another criminal act perpetrated by troops of the Sandinist People's Army in Honduran territory. On 2 November 1983, at 12 noon, a Sandinist patrol consisting of about 30 individuals, burst into the village of Camalotal, under the jurisdiction of the municipality of Alauca, department of El Paraíso, firing shots, killing Mr. Modesto Jacinto Ordoñez and wounding Luis Emilio Ordoñez Santos, Segundo Ordoñez Hernández, a minor named Alexis Ordoñez Maradiaga, and two Nicaraguans, Luis Henríquez and Esperanza Maradiaga López. On the same day, at 5.50 p.m., there was an exchange of shots between three Honduran vessels patrolling in the vicinity of marine rocks near Cosiguina and three Nicaraguan patrol boats travelling in the territorial waters of Honduras. It is interesting to note that for the past few months you have been predicting, with suspicious insistence, a strong attack against Honduran population centres and objectives, which allegedly would be carried out by the Honduran armed forces themselves, at the instigation of the United States Government, for the sole purpose of justifying aggression against Nicaragua. This supposed manoeuvre, whose bloodthirsty execution could be conceived of only by Machiavellian minds devoid of any morality which are constantly committing crimes against the lives and rights of their own peoples, is so absurd that until now I had considered it unnecessary to refer to it. However, the growing frequency and severity of the criminal and provocative acts carried

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out by the Nicaraguan Government against the population and territory of Honduras indicate that the Sandinist authorities are already taking the steps necessary to make international opinion believe that their baleful prophecy is becoming a reality. Accordingly, my Government indignantly rejects the very notion that such a base action, totally contrary to the ethical and legal principles my Government lives by, could be attributed to it. I take this opportunity to extend to you, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration. (Signed) Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs."

I request you, Sir, to give instructions for the circulation of the above text as a document of the Council.

(Signed) Roberto HERRERA CACERES
Ambassador, Permanent Representative
