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CABLEGRAM DATED 23 JUNE 1954 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE INTER-AMERICAN PEACE COMMISSION
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY, AND THROUGH YOUR INTERMEDIARY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 54 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, THAT ON 19 JUNE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA THROUGH ITS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN WASHINGTON REQUESTED URGENTLY CONVENING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN PEACE COMMITTEE IN ORDER THAT "IT MAY TAKE THE MEASURES NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE DISRUPTION OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY IN THIS PART OF CENTRAL AMERICA AND ALSO TO PUT A STOP TO THE AGGRESSION IN PROGRESS AGAINST GUATEMALA". ON 21 JUNE THE GUATEMALAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES APPLIED AGAIN TO THE COMMITTEE REQUESTING IT TO SUSPEND, FOR THE REASONS GIVEN IN THE SECOND DOCUMENT TRANSMITTED BY AIRMAIL, THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MEASURES. ON THE NIGHT OF 21 JUNE THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF GUATEMALA SENT THE COMMITTEE A THIRD NOTE IN WHICH HE ASKED THAT THE PARAGRAPH PREVIOUSLY INSERTED IN HIS FIRST COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITHDRAWN. THE COMMITTEE WAS ABLE IN GOOD TIME TO INFORM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF GUATEMALA OF THE RECEIPT OF THESE THREE COMMUNICATIONS. FURTHERMORE, ON 22 JUNE THE AMBASSADOR OF HONDURAS IN WASHINGTON ASKED TO BE RECEIVED BY THE COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO TRANSMIT TO IT ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT A COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THE CHARGES CONTAINED IN THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA IN ITS NOTE OF 19 JUNE. FINALLY, THE AMBASSADOR OF NICARAGUA IN WASHINGTON TODAY REQUESTED A HEARING AT THE SAME TIME AS THE AMBASSADOR OF HONDURAS IN ORDER TO TRANSMIT TO THE COMMITTEE A COMMUNICATION FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. AT THIS AFTERNOON'S MEETING, DURING WHICH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF NICARAGUA AND HONDURAS HAD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF NICARAGUA MADE A CONCRETE PROPOSAL THAT THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD FORTHWITH SET UP A COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY CONSISTING OF MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE TO PROCEED TO GUATEMALA, HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY INFORMATION TO ENABLE THE COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH THE FACTS AND TO SUGGEST EFFECTIVE METHODS OF ACHIEVING A SPEEDY SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE. THIS PROPOSAL WAS IMMEDIATELY SUPPORTED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF HONDURAS, AND BY UNANIMOUS DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE

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THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA WAS INFORMED OF THE FOREGOING THROUGH ITS CHARGE
D'AFFAIRES IN WASHINGTON. IN TRANSMITTING THIS INFORMATION THE COMMITTEE TOOK
THE LIBERTY OF EXPRESSING ITS HOPE THAT THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT WOULD SEE FIT
TO AGREE TO THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE. ASSURING YOU THAT I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED
OF DEVELOPMENTS IN CONNEXION WITH THIS INCIDENT, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO BE ETC.

(Signed) AMBASSADOR LUIS QUINTANILLA
CHAIRMAN OF THE INTER-AMERICAN PEACE COMMITTEE

