

LETTER DATED 27 JUNE 1954 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
PEACE COMMITTEE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to your Excellency herewith copies of the following documents:

A Note from the Chargé d'Affaires of Guatemala to the Chairman of the the Committee, dated 26 June;

A Note from the Chairman of the Committee to the Chargé d'Affaires of Guatemala, dated 27 June;

A Note from the Chairman of the Committee to the Ambassador of Nicaragua in Washington, dated 27 June;

A Note from the Chairman of the Committee to the Ambassador of Honduras in Washington, dated 27 June.

As indicated in the above-mentioned documents, the Inter-American Peace Committee, with the consent of the three Parties, has decided to establish itself as a fact-finding Committee and travel tomorrow to Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, in accordance with the following itinerary:

1. - Leave Washington Monday, 28 June at 9:00 p.m.; arrive in Guatemala Tuesday afternoon, 29 June; leave Guatemala on Friday afternoon, 2 July.
2. - Arrive in Honduras Friday night, 2 July; leave Honduras Monday afternoon, 5 July.
3. - Arrive in Nicaragua, Monday night, 5 July; leave Nicaragua for Washington, Thursday, 8 July; arrive Washington, Friday, 9 July.

Assuring you that the Committee will continue to keep the United Nations informed of developments in this matter, I have the honour to request you to bring the contents of this letter to the attention of his Excellency the President of the Security Council of the United Nations.

I have the honour, etc.

(Signed) Luis Quintanilla
Ambassador,
Chairman of the Committee

Note dated 26 June 1954 from the Chargé d'Affaires of Guatemala
addressed to the Chairman of the Inter-American Peace Committee

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's note of today's date.

I have transmitted the contents of your note to my Government and have received instructions to communicate the following reply to your Excellency, and through you to the Inter-American Peace Committee:

In view of the fact that the case of aggression against Guatemala brought before the Council by my Government in the exercise of its right under Article 35 of the United Nations Charter has been on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council since 20 June, and in view also of the fact that the Council has postponed consideration of the case until it receives a report from the Inter-American Peace Committee on the reported aggression, the Government of Guatemala, anxious to facilitate the achievement of this purpose as soon as possible and considering the generous attitude shown by the Committee, makes available to the Inter-American Peace Committee and the fact-finding committee appointed by it all the facilities at its disposal, and any assistance and information it can furnish to assist it in the fulfilment of its task.

The Government of Guatemala considers that in carrying out the mission that has been entrusted to it, the Inter-American Peace Committee will be able, with the facilities, assistance and information offered to it, to fulfil the task for which it has assumed responsibility by its own decision and at the request of the Governments of Honduras and Nicaragua, which will in no way impair the action of the Security Council regarding the case of aggression against Guatemala.

I trust that the work of the Inter-American Peace Committee on this occasion will help to elucidate the facts of the aggression reported by the Guatemalan Government and to put an end to the bloodshed and destruction which have been brought upon my country by the criminal aggression of the invaders.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Alfredo Chocano.

Note dated 27 June 1954 from the Chairman of the Inter-American Peace Committee addressed to the Chargé d'Affaires of Guatemala

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of yesterday's date and to thank you for kindly delivering it to me personally.

On behalf of the Committee I have the honour to inform you that the Inter-American Peace Committee welcomes the intimation in your note that the Government of Guatemala makes available to the Inter-American Peace Committee and the fact-finding committee appointed by it all the facilities at its disposal, and any assistance and information it can furnish to assist it in the fulfilment of its task.

In this as in all its activities the Committee is acting as an agent of the American regional system and the action it takes is on its own responsibility. This action has been and will always be taken under its exclusive authority, and independently by the Committee, whose terms of reference, conferred by the American Governments under resolution XIV of the Second meeting of Foreign Ministers and confirmed by resolution CII of the Tenth Inter-American Conference, are to ensure that any disputes that may arise between American countries should be settled by pacific and friendly means and to that end to suggest methods and initiatives for their solution.

In accordance with resolution XIV and Article 23 of its Statute the Committee will inform the consultative meeting and Inter-American Conference on developments in this matter and on the results of its activities in this connexion. It will also inform the Security Council of the United Nations in accordance with Article 54 of the United Nations Charter.

Taking into consideration the expression of hospitality and co-operation referred to above, the Inter-American Peace Committee has decided to establish itself as a fact-finding Committee and to travel tomorrow to Guatemala, for three days and then continue to Honduras and Nicaragua to complete its task.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Luis Quintanilla
Ambassador,
Chairman of the Committee

Note dated 27 June 1954 from the Chairman of the Inter-American Peace
Committee addressed to the Ambassador of Nicaragua in Washington

With reference to your note of 23 June and the suggestion you made on 23 June, I have pleasure in informing you that with the consent of the three interested parties the Committee has decided to establish itself as a fact-finding Committee and to visit Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua in accordance with the following itinerary:

1. - Leave Washington Monday 28 at 9:00 p.m.; arrive in Guatemala Tuesday afternoon, 29 June; leave Guatemala on Friday afternoon, 2 July.
2. - Arrive in Honduras Friday night, 2 July; leave Honduras Monday afternoon, 5 July.
3. - Arrive in Nicaragua, Monday night, 5 July; leave Nicaragua for Washington, Thursday, 8 July; arrive in Washington, Friday, 9 July.

I trust that the decision taken by the Committee and the date proposed for its visit to Nicaragua will meet with your approval.

I have the honour, etc.

(Signed) Luis Quintanilla
Ambassador,
Chairman of the Committee

Note dated 27 June 1954 from the Chairman of the Inter-American Peace
Committee addressed to the Ambassador of Honduras in Washington

Sir,

With reference to your note of 22 June and the suggestion made by his Excellency Dr. Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa, Ambassador of Nicaragua, and supported by you at the Committee's meeting on 23 June, I have pleasure in informing you that with the consent of the three interested parties the Committee has decided to establish itself as a fact-finding Committee and to visit Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua in accordance with the following itinerary:

1. - Leave Washington Monday 28 at 9:00 p.m.; arrive in Guatemala Tuesday afternoon, 29 June; leave Guatemala on Friday afternoon, 2 July.
2. - Arrive in Honduras Friday night, 2 July; leave Honduras Monday afternoon, 5 July.
3. - Arrive in Nicaragua, Monday night, 5 July; leave Nicaragua for Washington Thursday, 8 July; arrive in Washington Friday, 9 July.

I trust that the decision taken by the Committee and the date proposed for its visit to Honduras will meet with your approval.

I have the honour, etc.

(Signed) Luis Quintanilla
Ambassador,
Chairman of the Committee
