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LETTER DATED 22 FEBRUARY 1984 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 herewith the text of a note from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, addressed to the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, Mr. Víctor Hugo Tinoco, which reads as follows:

"Tegucigalpa, 20 February 1984. His Excellency Mr. Víctor Hugo Tinoco, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, Managua, Nicaragua. Sir, I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note No. 034 dated 13 February in which you formally protested in the strongest terms about a number of incidents involving the use of arms, on land, in the air and at sea, which were provoked by Nicaraguan forces opposed to the Government of your country and which allegedly originated in Honduran territory. In rejecting as unfounded the aforementioned protest, I wish to inform you again that the Government of Honduras is not intervening, either directly or indirectly, in the armed conflict besetting Nicaragua. No aircraft of the Honduran air force and no Honduran naval vessels encroached on the airspace or territorial waters of Nicaragua on the dates mentioned by you. The fact that the vessels involved in the actual or alleged incidents may have arrived from or retreated to the north-west does not mean that they came from Honduras, for that is not the only country situated to the north-west of Nicaragua. Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration. (Signed) Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs."

I should be grateful if this note, which has been transmitted to the Organization of American States, could be circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) H. Roberto HERRERA CACERES
Ambassador
Permanent Representative