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LETTER DATED 22 JULY 1960 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GUATEMALA  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to convey to you, upon the express instructions of my Government, its most vigorous protest against the repeated references of a disparaging kind made to my country by Doctor Raúl Roca, the Cuban Minister of Foreign Affairs, at the 874th meeting of the Security Council on 18 July last.

My Government considers it improper that the present Government of Cuba should, in defence of its case, interfere in the internal affairs of my country - an action which is all the more reprehensible in that Guatemala is not a member of the Security Council and cannot, therefore, exercise its right of reply at the appropriate time. Occurrences such as this constitute a dangerous precedent, for it is an abuse to make offensive references to third States which have nothing to do with the matter under consideration.

Guatemala, which is jealous of its sovereignty and independence, does not admit and will never admit foreign intervention from any source whatever in the solution of its internal political problems. Similarly, it does not allow nor will it allow an international body unlawfully to intervene in the matters which fall within its domestic jurisdiction.

Since the statements of the Cuban Foreign Minister could give rise to mistaken impressions, I feel compelled to make it clear that Guatemala conducts its political life in accordance with a democratic and constitutional system, and that the present Government derives its authority from electoral proceedings in which the people expressed their will.

I would ask you, Sir, to arrange for this protest to be circulated among its members of the Council as a Council document.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Alberto Herrarte  
Permanent Representative

His Excellency Dr. José A. Correa,  
President of the Security Council.

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