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LETTER DATED 6 MARCH 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a note dated 5 March 1984 addressed to His Excellency, Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, by His Excellency Mr. Miquel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua.

"I am writing to you in order to inform you of the following:

"Today, 5 March 1984, at 0200 hours, two fast launches of the 'Piraña' type, accompanied by a gunboat and aircraft of undetermined number and type, attacked three Nicaraguan coastguard vessels in the Punta San José sector of the Gulf of Fonseca. As a result of this criminal attack, second lieutenant Javier Mayorga, commander of coastguard vessel 308, and crew members Francisco Mena Baltodano, radio operator, and Jorge Castellón Peña, first engineer, were killed, and crew members Iván Cerna, warrant officer, Humberto Calero, chief engineer, and Henry Arias Amaya, radio operator, were wounded.

"In presenting its formal and vigorous protest against these criminal acts, the Government of Nicaragua draws your attention to the special characteristics of this cowardly attack. Aircraft can only be used in the early hours of the morning if they are flown by experienced pilots. Similarly, the co-ordination required for this kind of aggressive action would not be possible without the direct participation of the Honduran army, which has been playing to the full the role assigned to it by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Government of the United States."

I should be grateful if you would have this note circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Javier CHAMORRO MORA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Nicaragua  
to the United Nations