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LETTER DATED 7 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 2 March 1984 addressed to His Excellency Mr. George Shultz, Secretary of State of the United States of America, by His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua.

"The announcement made yesterday by the terrorist forces organized, financed and directed by the Government of the United States, through the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), that the port of Corinto had been mined, compels me once again to write to you and to present to you the most formal and vigorous protest of Nicaragua against these announcements, which together with the criminal acts that have already claimed their first victims in the port of "El Bluff" reveal even more clearly the plans of the Government of the United States to impose a military blockade on Nicaragua and to intensify, in a manner without precedent in the area, the attacks on my country and the tension prevailing in Central America.

"This latest announcement by the mercenary forces of the CIA, which was made precisely at the end of the recent meeting of the Contadora Group, likewise demonstrates the desire of your Government to thwart the noble and generous efforts being made by that Group to achieve peace in Central America.

"Furthermore, the fact that the CIA mercenaries made the announcement in San José, Costa Rica, is further proof of the intention of the Government of the United States to compromise the neutrality of this sister country, whose territory is not only being used as a base for attacks on Nicaragua but is being increasingly transformed into a centre for defamatory campaigns and propaganda campaigns for the terrorist actions designed to increase tensions in the area.

"Lastly, we cannot fail to issue a warning concerning the consequences of the policy being pursued by your Government through the CIA, which is not only harmful to Nicaragua but also poses a serious threat to international maritime traffic in the region, since there is a possibility that some of the mines

that have been planted may be carried away from our coasts by marine currents. That being so, the Government of Nicaragua is alerting the international community and at the same time holds the Government of the United States responsible for any loss of human life or material damage that may result from its conduct, which is contrary to the most elemental norms of international law."

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
