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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 Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, which reads as follows:

"Tegucigalpa, DC, 5 March 1984. His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Managua, Nicaragua. Sir: I acknowledge receipt of your note dated 4 March 1984, in which you protest about a series of armed confrontations that have occurred in your country and in which, it is maliciously claimed, the Armed Forces of Honduras were involved. It is an unfortunate but obvious fact that the internal struggle going on in Nicaragua is tending to become general and to spread throughout its territory, for reasons which are, precisely, not imputable to the neighbouring countries. Honduras is aware of the latent danger that, in line with earlier efforts to that end, this internal conflict may be used as a pretext for initiating an international confrontation involving the entire Central American region, with serious and unforeseeable consequences. My Government has confined itself to taking the necessary steps to ensure the defence of its sovereignty and territorial integrity in such an eventuality. On no occasion have troops of the Honduran Army harassed Nicaragua, nor have aeroplanes or helicopters of the Air Force attacked Nicaraguan port facilities, subsequently withdrawing towards the non-existent "Amapala Island". In the light of the foregoing, the Government of Honduras rejects with equal vigour the protest presented and formally calls upon the Government of Nicaragua to proceed with the prudence that the circumstances require and to avoid causing the internal conflict which it is facing to become general, either by implication or by action. I take this opportunity to renew to you the expression of my highest consideration.  
(Signed) Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs."

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

(Signed) H. Roberto HERRERA CACERES  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative