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LETTER DATED 13 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 write to you in order to convey the text of a note dated 12 March 1984 which was sent to His Excellency Mr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, by His Excellency Mr. Victor Hugo Tinoco Fonseca, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua.

"I am writing to you in order to draw your attention to the following:

"On 10 March, at 0300 hours, a patrol made up of 10 members of the Honduran army subjected to a five-minute attack the 'La Reforma' observation post, situated 5 kilometres to the north-west of Somotillo.

"On the same day, at 0900 hours, a group of approximately 30 or 40 Somozan mercenaries, acting in conjunction with members of the Honduran army and using AK and FAL rifles, subjected to a one-hour attack the 'La Minita' observation post situated 3 kilometres to the north-west of Somotillo.

"Further, yesterday, 11 March, at 2300 hours, an unspecified number of Somozan mercenaries in Honduran territory, in the sector of San Jerónimo, acting in conjunction with military of the Honduran army, used mortars and various types of guns to attack the 'El Naranjo' military installations situated 4 kilometres to the north-west of Somotillo.

"In presenting its most formal and vigorous protest against the above attacks, the Government of Nicaragua stresses once again the substantiated responsibility of the Honduran Government in the perpetration of those acts of aggression and provocation, contrary to international law. At the same time, it demands that the Honduran authorities should cease immediately such actions, which form part of the escalating aggression to which Nicaragua is being subjected because the Honduran Government submits to schemes of the United States Administration designed to destroy the Sandinist People's Revolution."

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

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