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LETTER DATED 8 MAY 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 a note dated 7 May 1984 from His Excellency Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed to His Excellency Mr. Carlos José Gutiérrez, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Public Worship of Costa Rica.

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

At 4.45 a.m. today, a group of mercenaries estimated to number between 80 and 100 attacked the frontier port of Palo de Arco, 17 kilometres to the south-west of San Carlos. As a result of the attack, four members of the civilian population, including two children aged seven and four, were treacherously murdered when they were hit by a grenade thrown by the mercenaries into a shelter for the population. The fighting continued until 7 a.m. today, leaving 15 mercenaries dead, including one man of Panamanian origin named Fermín Díaz Rivera.

It should be noted that, 500 metres from where the counter-revolutionaries penetrated, there is a post of the Costa Rican rural guard, at the place known as El Cachito. This is further evidence of the passivity of the Costa Rican rural guard towards the acts of aggression committed from the territory of Costa Rica, since it is impossible that these mercenaries could pass through the place without being seen, particularly in view of the quantity of weapons confiscated from them and the number of attackers.

The Government of Nicaragua submits a most formal complaint regarding these latest events in the series of frequent and most serious acts of aggression committed from Costa Rican territory, which have been repeatedly denounced. In its desire to avoid a further deterioration of the situation, the Government of Nicaragua reiterates its urgent appeal to the Costa Rican authorities to resume control over their frontier area and to prevent the commission of criminal acts such as those which recently occurred at San Juan del Norte, El Castillo and Cárdenas. All these acts of aggression seriously undermine Costa Rica's proclaimed neutrality, causing an unnecessary

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deterioration of relations between the two States, despite the efforts made by the Government of Nicaragua to preserve a climate of dialogue and understanding, particularly through bilateral contacts and resumption of the talks within the framework of the Mixed Commission."

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

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