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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 notes of protest dated 7 May 1984 from His Excellency Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed to His Excellency Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras.

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

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

Annex I

Letter dated 7 May 1984 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Nicaragua addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of  
Honduras

I am writing in reply to your communication No. 254-DA dated 4 May, referring to an alleged attack by the Nicaraguan Army on El Espino frontier post.

In this connection, the Government of Nicaragua regrets that you have not yet read note No. 078 dated 4 May and sent prior to receipt of your communication No. 254-DA, to which I am now replying.

In the above-mentioned note, I informed Your Excellency that, at 2 p.m. on 4 May, members of the Honduran Army harassed El Espino frontier post from Honduran territory. There is no doubt that the aggressor forces belong to the Government of Honduras and not to that of Nicaragua, a country which has always respected Honduran territorial integrity, despite the acts of provocation and continuous attacks launched from Honduras, as a result of its Government's submission to the interventionist plans of the United States Government.

Rejecting every aspect of Your Excellency's assertions and the protest contained in your note, the Government of Nicaragua expresses surprise at the way in which the Government of Honduras is thus publicly imputing to the Army of my country acts committed by Honduran personnel, as denounced previously by the Government of Nicaragua in the above-mentioned note No. 078.

(Signed) Miguel D'ESCOTO BROCKMANN  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Annex II

Letter dated 7 May 1984 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Nicaragua addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of  
Honduras

I am writing with reference to the following:

At 6.30 a.m. on 6 May, a group of members of the Honduran Army, of indeterminate number, harassed with rifle fire the "Las Minutas" observation post, located four kilometres to the north-west of Somotillo, fortunately without causing casualties or damage.

In view of the events described above, the Government of Nicaragua submits a most forceful and formal protest at this new act of aggression against national sovereignty, which once again confirms the Honduran Government's unwillingness to evolve solutions of peaceful coexistence that would facilitate the peace efforts being made by the Contadora Group and would restore the rule of law in the region, so gravely affected by the militaristic attitude adopted by the Honduran authorities in accordance with the role assigned to them by the United States administration in its plans to destabilize and destroy the Sandinist People's Revolution.

(Signed) Miguel D'ESCOTO BROCKMANN  
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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