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COSTA RICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the note dated 2 May 1984 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, Mr. Carlos José Gutiérrez, addressed to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Governments members of the Contadora Group:

"I am writing to Your Excellency in order to inform you of the new attack committed by members of the Sandinist Air Force on Sunday, 29 April, between 7.50 and 8.30 a.m., when two of their aircraft flew over Costa Rican territory firing rockets on the town of San Isidro de Pocosol, located three kilometres from the frontier line between the two countries.

I did not know about this attack when, on 30 April, I referred at the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Contadora Group and of Central America to the numerous acts of aggression committed against Costa Rican territory by military personnel of the Government of Nicaragua and when, on behalf of my Government, I requested action on the part of the Governments forming the Contadora Group.

This latest event, which is the most serious incident that has occurred over the past two years, has caused relations with Nicaragua to deteriorate to their lowest level and confirms that the Government of Nicaragua has hardened its position towards the Government of Costa Rica.

In view of the event which I have described, I venture to request Your Excellency's distinguished Government to consider, together with the other Governments forming the Contadora Group, the dispatch of a mission of observers to investigate on the spot the serious act of aggression to which I have referred. Because of the urgency and gravity of the situation, this mission could be composed of the military attachés of the diplomatic missions in Costa Rica of each of the countries in the Group.

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In addition, in view of the serious turn of events, I venture to request Your Excellency to advance the date of the visit which, together with the other Ministers for Foreign Affairs, you had planned to make to Costa Rica. Lastly, I reiterate to Your Excellency the firm determination of the Government of Costa Rica that it should be the Contadora Group, within the framework of the negotiations to restore peace to the area, that achieves a final solution to this serious problem."

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

(Signed) Fernando ZUMBADO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
