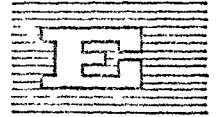


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Note verbale dated 7 March 1979 from the Permanent
Mission of Nicaragua to the United Nations Office
at Geneva addressed to the Chairman of the Commission
on Human Rights at its thirty-fifth session

The Permanent Mission of Nicaragua to the United Nations and other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Chairman of the thirty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights and has the honour, in connexion with documents E/CN.4/L.1447 and E/CN.4/L.1447/Rev.1, circulated for the consideration of the Commission, to enclose the Amnesty Decree of 15 December 1978 of the Government of Nicaragua. The Permanent Mission of Nicaragua requests the Chairman of the Commission to issue and circulate this Decree, accompanied by the present note, as an official document of the thirty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights, in connexion with agenda item 12.

"THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC makes known to its inhabitants:
That the National Congress has ordained the following: Decree No. 743. The
Chamber of Deputies and Senate of the Republic of Nicaragua decree:

Art. 1. A full and unconditional amnesty is granted to civilians and military
personnel in regard to offences referred to in Book II, Title XI, chapters 1 and 2,
of the Penal Code, if political in nature, and Book II, Title XII, chapters 1, 2, 3
and 4 of that Code, where such offences were committed between 3 March 1967, the
date of the last amnesty, and 11 December 1978. The present amnesty extends to
related ordinary offences and to civil liability.

Art. 2. The offenders entitled to this amnesty shall be freed by the authorities
concerned on the entry into force of the present Decree, which shall have the legal
effect of dismissing proceedings.

Art. 3. The Consuls of Nicaragua abroad shall immediately annotate the passports
of those persons who decide to avail themselves of the amnesty hereby granted and
to return to Nicaragua.

Art. 4. This Decree shall take effect on the date on which it is published in
La Gaceta, the Official Gazette.

Given in the Sessions Hall of the Chamber of Deputies, Managua, National District,
on 13 December 1978. Francisco Urcuyo Maliaño, President. Orlando Morales Ocón,
Secretary. Agapito Fernández García, Secretary.

To the Executive. The Senate, Managua, N.D., 15 December 1978. Pablo Renier,
President. Luis Molina Rivera, Secretary. Julio Ycaza Tigerino, Secretary.

It shall therefore be enforced. The Presidential Palace, Managua, N.D.,
15 December 1978. A. SOMOZA, President of the Republic. J. Antonio Mora R.,
Minister of the Interior."