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OF NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the communiqué issued by the Government Junta of National Reconstruction of Nicaragua concerning the recent violations of our territorial waters by the Navy of the United States of America.

I should be grateful if you would have this communiqué circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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

Annex

Government of National Reconstruction

Communiqué

The Information and Press Department of the Government Junta of National Reconstruction makes the following announcement:

Today, 17 September 1984, three frigates of the United States Navy repeatedly violated Nicaragua's territorial waters in what were suspicious and blatantly provocative acts.

Weaving in and out off Nicaragua's Pacific coast, two of the frigates sailed to within about eight miles of the coast at Montelimar; a helicopter took off from one of the vessels and executed several passes over the coast. The third frigate sailed to within 10 miles of the port of San Juan del Sur in the Department of Rivas.

Nicaragua condemns these incidents, which are unprecedented in the history of the violation of its national territorial waters by the United States, as part of the escalation of aggression against our country, which has included the mining of our ports and continual aerial and naval attacks on our territory. It should be noted that warships of the United States Navy have played a decisive role in providing support for mining operations in and naval attacks on our ports.

It must be pointed out that these incidents are nothing more than acts of provocation or diversionary operations preliminary to new aggression, which cannot be ruled out and in which there will be greater involvement on the part of the United States Army itself.

Such displays of force by the United States Government, blatantly threatening and violating Nicaragua's sovereignty, jeopardize all the efforts being made by the Contadora Group to promote a negotiated political settlement of the problems of the region and the bilateral meetings which are being held between representatives of the Governments of the United States and Nicaragua at Manzanillo, Mexico.

The Government of Nicaragua wishes to alert the international community and, in particular, public opinion in the United States to these unprecedented serious incidents and demands the immediate withdrawal of the warships in question from Nicaraguan territorial waters.
