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LETTER DATED 23 OCTOBER 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 herewith the text of a letter dated 23 October 1984 from His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed to His Excellency Mr. George P. Shultz, Secretary of State of the United States of America.

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

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

Annex

Letter dated 23 October 1984 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of
Nicaragua addressed to the Secretary of State of the United States

I am writing to you with regard to the manual entitled "Psychological Operations in Guerrilla Warfare", prepared by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) with a view to pursuing the war of aggression against my country. It deals with the commission of cruel and inhuman acts, including murder, in flagrant violation not only of the internal legal system of the United States but also of the basic norms of international law which should govern the international conduct of States that profess to be civilized and respectful of the principles of the United Nations.

The manual prepared by the CIA refers to such terrorist and illegal acts as the hiring of professional criminals to carry out murder, the neutralization of government officials through the so-called "selective use of violence", the creation of martyrs by instigating violent demonstrations leading to the death of participants and the execution of civilians as they try to escape from any villages occupied by mercenary forces in the service of your Government.

At the same time, the manual prepared by the CIA constitutes new documentary proof of the official policy of State terrorism advocated by the United States Administration against the Nicaraguan people and further corroboration of the criminal scope of the military and paramilitary activities of the United States against the sovereignty and political independence of Nicaragua, in open violation of the decision delivered by the International Court of Justice on 10 May 1984.

Moreover, the actions described in the manual violate the domestic legal provisions of the United States, such as the Executive Order signed by President Reagan on 4 December 1981 prohibiting government officials of that country from conspiring or participating in assassinations and from requesting other persons to carry out activities prohibited by that law.

It should be pointed out that President Reagan himself, during the election debate held on 21 October, acknowledged that the manual had been sent for printing to the CIA chief in Nicaragua. This new admission, at the highest government level, is an additional element in the open interference in the internal affairs of Nicaragua in which the Government of the United States has been engaging by means of pressure on various parties, in particular the parties making up the "Coordinadora Ramiro Sacasa Guerrero", to deter them from participating in the electoral process.

It is noteworthy, in this respect, that the interventionist attitude has been exposed once and for all by the United States press itself in an article by Mr. Philip Taubman published in The New York Times of Sunday, 21 October 1984, which quotes high-level officials of the current United States Administration as asserting that the Administration had done its utmost to prevent Arturo Cruz, representative of the parties making up the "Coordinadora Ramiro Sacasa" from participating in the elections to be held on 4 November in Nicaragua. That article demonstrates that the CIA is required to carry out such a policy and, to that end, has established contact with the members of the Superior Council of Private Enterprise (COSEP).

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Similarly, it is not possible to deny that the policy of pressure and blackmail designed to attempt to damage the perception of the electoral process has influenced the recent decision of the Independent Liberal Party to abstain from participating in the elections of 4 November.

In view of the foregoing, the Government of Nicaragua expresses its most formal and forceful protest at the continuation of State terrorism and military and paramilitary activities against Nicaragua on the part of the United States Government, and at the same time it calls for an end to pressure on political parties designed to obstruct their participation in the first free elections held in my country and for strict respect for the sovereignty and political independence of Nicaragua, in accordance with international law and the decision delivered down by the International Court of Justice.

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