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LETTER DATED 19 NOVEMBER 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a note dated 16 November 1984 addressed to His Excellency George Shultz, Secretary of State of the United States of America, by His Excellency Miquel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua.

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 16 November 1984 addressed to the Secretary of  
State of the United States of America by the Minister for  
Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua

I wish to draw your attention to the criminal acts set out below:

On 14 November 1984, at 7 a.m., a group of about 300 mercenaries in the service of your Government attacked the "La Sorpresa" co-operative 40 kilometres north of Jinotega with mortars, RPG-2 rocket launchers, various small arms and incendiary bombs. As a result of the shots fired at the Rural Children's Centre of this area, to which they later set fire, José Rodolfo Ruiz, aged 16 months, and Carlos José Mejía, aged 4 years, were murdered. Another 12 individuals were likewise killed.

Furthermore, during the morning of 15 November, a group of the same criminal bands directed by your Government attacked the "Ernesto Acuña" agricultural co-operative 10 kilometres to the northeast of La Dalia and were repulsed by the militia forces stationed there. As a result of the criminal attack, four peasants were murdered.

These barbarous acts are a direct result of the official policy of State terrorism which drives the United States Administration against Nicaragua and which has already occasioned the assassination of hundreds of Nicaraguans, including the massacre of children and defenceless civilians.

The fact that the mercenary forces in the service of your Government directed their impotence especially against a rural children's centre reflects the depth of the moral deterioration the United States Administration has undergone, and constitutes a shameful example of the so-called "selective use of violence" and of the policy of "neutralization" advocated in the criminal document entitled "Psychological Operations in Guerrilla Warfare" prepared and distributed by the Central Intelligence Agency to instigate crimes against the Nicaraguan population.

I must emphasize that these criminal and cowardly attacks against humble peasant co-operatives demonstrate the impotence of those who, being unable to face the firm will of our people heroically to defend our revolution, vent their spite on civilian and economic targets with the aim of sowing terror and anxiety among the Nicaraguan population. These acts come on top of those recently denounced by my Government relating to the plans prepared by the CIA aimed at impeding the collection of the coffee harvest in the Matagalpa and Jinotega regions, thus stepping up the economic aggression against my country.

In registering its most formal and rigorous protest against this latest unspeakable act of mass extermination against the Nicaraguan civilian population, my Government demands that the United States Administration cease forthwith its policy of State terrorism, which violates the most elementary norms of international law, and at the same time requests strict compliance with the Order

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delivered by the International Court of Justice on 10 May 1984 and the consequent cessation of military and paramilitary activities against Nicaragua.

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

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