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LETTER DATED 8 NOVEMBER 1984 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE  
PERMANENT MISSION OF NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the letter dated  
8 November 1984 from His Excellency Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for  
Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed to His Excellency  
Mr. George Shultz, Secretary of State of the United States of America.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its attachment  
circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Julio ICAZA GALLARD  
Ambassador  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Letter dated 8 November 1984 from the Minister for Foreign  
Affairs of Nicaragua addressed to the Secretary of State of  
the United States of America

I wish to inform you of the following serious and repeated acts:

Today, between 8.20 a.m. and 8.30 a.m., a United States air force SR-71 aircraft again intruded into our national airspace. The aircraft entered the airspace over the department of Chinandega, and flew over the following points of our national territory: Leon, Managua, Masaya and Bluefields; it left our national territory via the El Bluff sector, after which it flew towards Honduran territory.

This latest violation of our airspace, in addition to the incursion over our territory on 31 October 1984 of another SR-71 aircraft and the presence of United States naval frigates within waters under our jurisdiction, once again confirms the assertions of the Government of Nicaragua to the effect that such acts of espionage, besides being designed to alarm and intimidate the Nicaraguan population, are a prelude to direct military intervention by the United States against Nicaragua, which would be characterized by massive support from United States aircraft that would bomb our territory and by military attacks on land by units of the United States army.

Faced with the increasingly aggressive policy of the United States Government, Nicaragua reaffirms its inalienable right to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity, which includes its right to acquire the necessary means to guarantee the defence of its national territory. At the same time, it condemns the intention of the United States Administration to restrict this sovereign right of self-defence by arrogating to itself in an abusive and illegal manner the right to set limits on the means of protection which Nicaragua needs to acquire for the defence of its territory, while at the same time the United States pursues its official policy of aggression against our country, in overt violation of the United Nations Charter and of the Order delivered on 10 May 1984 by the International Court of Justice.

We reiterate once more that the new Nicaragua has never been and shall never be an aggressor State, and that the theory disseminated one-sidedly by the United States Government, which arbitrarily ascribes to the Nicaraguan Government intentions contrary to that principle, is utterly absurd.

The Government of Nicaragua, in registering its most formal and vigorous protest at this latest, reprehensible violation of national airspace, which bespeaks the degree of disrespect shown by the United States Government for international law and for the Order delivered on 10 May 1984 by the International Court of Justice, vigorously demands the immediate and definitive cessation of these espionage activities, as well as the abandonment of plans already under way designed to unleash an intervention in Nicaragua once the incumbent President of the United States has been re-elected. At the same time, the Government of

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Nicaragua urges the United States Administration to reflect deeply on the unforeseeable consequences of putting into operation these criminal plans, the results of which would gravely affect international peace and security.

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

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