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LETTER DATED 30 OCTOBER 1989 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of a note which His Excellency Mr. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, sent to His Excellency Mr. James Baker III, Secretary of State of the United States of America.

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

(Signed) Alejandro SERRANO Caldera  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 24 October 1989 from the Ministry for Foreign  
Affairs of Nicaragua addressed to the Secretary of State of  
the United States of America

Once again, the policies of your Government, which are persistently directed towards supporting terrorism, in violation of international law, and running counter to the express desire of the five Central American Presidents for peace, has generated death and destruction.

In this regard, on 21 October 1989, at 6 p.m., counter-revolutionary forces which are being encouraged by your Government not to submit to the Joint Plan on demobilization agreed on by the Central American Presidents at the Tela summit meeting ambushed two trucks of the Sandinist People's Army which were transporting a group of reservists returning peacefully to their home towns to participate in registration for the elections. The treacherous action took place in the Cerro El Mono sector, 23 kilometres north-east of Río Blanco, in the department of Matagalpa, and left 17 people dead and eight wounded.

The names of the dead are: Ismael Picado Rizo, Joaquín Ochoa Flores, Francisco Arellano, Isaac Moreno, Martín Valle Castro, Salomón Vélchez, Vicente Meza Altamirano, Domingo Castillo García, Santiago Rugama Arellano, Julio Dormos, Santos Gonzales Castillo, Eusevio Meza, Antonio Castro Moreno, Juan Arauz García, Juan Pablo Gonzales, Alvaro Dávila Reyes and Lorenzo Gonzales Urrutia.

The names of the wounded are: Rufino Ríos Ramírez, Orlando Tobal, Juan Antonio Contreras, Luis Guillermo Téllez, Marvin García, Félix Pedro Cantillano, Santos Julio Ramos and Reynaldo Bravo.

These events, which Nicaragua strongly protests, once again prove that the so-called "assistance" which your Government is supplying to these forces consists of real logistical and military support for the continued violations of the cessation of offensive military operations and for the acts of terrorism and sabotage against the electoral process which your Government, ironically, claims to back. This "assistance" is not at all the "humanitarian" assistance it is claimed to be, in disregard of the fact that truly humanitarian assistance is only that which helps to promote the demobilization of the counter-revolution, as agreed on by the Presidents of the region.

The Government of the United States must put an end to its ambivalent policy and decide, once and for all, whether it is in favour of peace or of death. That is, whether it will continue to give its support to these acts of terrorism and to the sabotaging of the electoral process, or whether it will in good faith support the demobilization of the counter-revolution, the cessation of offensive military operations decreed unilaterally by Nicaragua, and the holding of elections in Nicaragua.

The Government of Nicaragua calls on the Government of the United States to contribute to the cessation of this policy of death and destruction, which can only be achieved through strict compliance with the decision of the Central American Presidents to proceed with the demobilization of these counter-revolutionary forces by 5 December 1989 in order to allow for their integration into the exemplary political process which is taking place in Nicaragua, the purity of which has been attested to in the reports issued by the international agencies invited to observe it.

In the hope that your reply will show a true willingness on the part of your Government to work for peace, I wish to reiterate to you my hope that reason and justice will prevail over folly and that they will produce the fruits of peace desired by the people of Nicaragua and of the other Central American countries.

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

