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LETTER DATED 21 DECEMBER 1989 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I find myself obliged to inform you that the United States invasion troops that have been on Panamanian soil since early morning on 20 December, in violation of the most elementary international norms, have now begun to take measures against my country's embassy in Panama City, positioning two combat tanks in front of it and occupying the roofs of neighbouring buildings with armed men.

I wish to inform you that we hold the United States Government responsible for anything that may happen to our officials or our country's facilities in the embassy.

There is no excuse for the United States Government, in violation of international law, to presume to police the Cuban personnel and facilities in Panama City.

We hope that you will take appropriate measures to ensure an immediate halt to this provocation and to ensure that the indispensable guarantees are given to our officials.

I request that this document be circulated to members of the Security Council as an official document.

(Signed) Oscar ORAMAS OLIVA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

