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Letter dated 15 June 1985 from the Permanent Representative of
Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the letter of
H.E. Victor Hugo Tinoco, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of
Nicaragua, addressed to the Ministers of the Contadora Group in connection with
the most recent events on the frontier with Costa Rica.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this note as an official document
of the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly under agenda item 25.

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

ANNEX

Letter dated 15 June 1985 from H.E. Victor Hugo Tinoco, Acting
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, addressed to the
Ministers of the Contadora Group

I have the honour to write to you in order to express the strong interest of my Government in acquainting the member countries of the Contadora Group more completely with the position of the Government of Nicaragua concerning the critical situation that has arisen in the area of the frontier with Costa Rica as a direct consequence of the presence of irregular forces that have, as a part of the warlike and interventionist policy of the United States, deliberately provoked regrettable events, in connection with which a totally unjustified and irresponsible attempt is being made to place the blame upon Nicaragua.

To that end, the Government of Nicaragua, acting through me, invites the distinguished Governments of the member countries of the Contadora Group to appoint a special delegation to conduct an on-site inspection in the San Juan River sector as soon as possible. The Government of Nicaragua believes that such a visit will enable the nations involved in this negotiating effort to understand on the scene my Government's efforts to normalize the situation in the area of the frontier with Costa Rica.

It is also of interest to my country to demonstrate once again that the tensions between Costa Rica and Nicaragua are not consistent with my Government's desire for peace. These conflict situations are the consequence and the direct result of the use of Costa Rican territory by mercenary forces determined to spoil the relations between the two countries by provoking fictitious incidents which, attributed without foundation to Nicaragua, are used to justify the war of aggression being waged by the United States Government against the Nicaraguan people.

The Government of Nicaragua firmly and sincerely desires a final resolution of these artificial tensions. To that end, we have proposed establishing a demilitarized zone between Costa Rica and Nicaragua, under international supervision, with the support of the Contadora Group and the collaboration of France. We are sure that the presence of a Contadora delegation in the area of the San Juan River would constitute an important step in the search for peace and harmony between the sister nations of Central America.

(Signed) Victor HUGO TINOCO
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs
