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Letter dated 5 July 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 note of protest dated 4 July 1985 from Her Excellency Nora Astorga, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed to His Excellency Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as an official document of the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 25, and of the Security Council.

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

ANNEX

Note of protest dated 4 July 1985 from the Acting Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua addressed to the Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Honduras

It is with alarm and concern that I refer to the reports broadcast today by the Honduran radio station HRN, stating that at about 6 a.m. the Sandinist People's Army launched an artillery attack with bombs and mortar fire against Matapalos, 34 kilometres north-west of Ocotal, continuing the attacks against San Antonio, El Jícaro and Alauca, 35 kilometres north-west of Ocotal. According to the reports broadcast by the radio station HRN, the Honduran authorities requested reinforcements from the sixth battalion and the 110th brigade to strengthen the sector concerned.

The Government of Nicaragua categorically and forcefully rejects these accusations and alerts international public opinion and the people and Government of Honduras to the falsity of these allegations. The events described would seem rather to indicate that the perpetrators of the attacks were the mercenary forces in the service of the United States Government, which have been equipped by that Government with heavy weapons and artillery. In addition, this type of allegation fits into the strategy devised by the United States Government in order to create favourable conditions enabling it to accelerate the plans of aggression against Nicaragua and to unleash a large-scale direct intervention against our country. Nicaragua once again reaffirms its peaceful intentions and its decisive rejection of war, whose tragic consequences would bring only more sorrow and destruction to the Central American peoples.

Nora ASTORGA
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs
