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Letter dated 8 July 1985 from the Permanent Representative
of Honduras to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the note which the Acting Minister for Foreign Relations of Honduras, Mr. José Tomás Arita Valle, addressed to the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, Mrs. Nora Astorqa. That text constitutes acknowledgement of receipt of the note which the Nicaraguan Minister addressed on 4 July 1985 to the Honduran Ministry of Foreign Affairs, taking the unusual step of lodging an official protest with the Government of Honduras on account of news heard on a Honduran private broadcasting station.

In spite of the inadmissibility of the substance of the above-mentioned note of protest with regard to intergovernmental relations, its circulation was surprisingly requested as a document of the General Assembly and the Security Council (A/39/929-S/17329 of 5 July 1985).

In the circumstances, we find ourselves obliged to request you to circulate also this letter and its annex, whose contents have already been reported to the Organization of American States, as a document of the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 25, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Roberto Herrera CACERES
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

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

I acknowledge receipt of your note, No. 106 of today's date, whereby, on behalf of the Government of Nicaragua, you categorically and vehemently rejected the information disseminated today by the Honduran broadcasting station HRN to the effect that, at approximately 6 a.m., the Sandinist People's Army launched an artillery attack against the Honduran frontier communities of Matapalos, San Antonio, El Jícaro and Alauco, all in the El Paraíso Department. I must confess, Madam, that your above-mentioned note continues to amaze me, especially since this Ministry, following its traditional policy of seriousness and prudence, has not formulated and will not formulate any accusation against the Government of Nicaragua, until it has the official information to prove the veracity of the reported facts. Should that occur, please be assured that the Government of Honduras will act accordingly, rejecting the stale argument that it is a question of attacks perpetrated by mercenary forces in the service of the Government of the United States.

Accept, Madam, the assurance, of my highest consideration.

(Signed) José Tomás ARITA VALLE
Acting Minister
for Foreign Affairs
