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Letter dated 26 June 1985 from the Permanent Representative of  
the United States of America to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the 20 June 1985 statement issued by the United States Department of State concerning the Nicaraguan disruption of the Contadora peace negotiations.

I should be grateful if you will have the attached statement circulated as an official document of the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 25, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vernon A. WALTERS

ANNEX

Statement dated 20 June 1985 from the United States  
Department of State on the Nicaraguan disruption of  
the Contadora peace negotiations

We deplore the actions of the Nicaraguan Government in walking away from the Contadora process.

For more than two years the Central American and the Contadora Group nations have worked to bring peace to Central America. A great deal of progress has been made toward reaching an agreement that serves everybody's interest in the cause of peace. The meeting that began on June 18 in Panama and that was suspended yesterday was to have considered a Contadora Group proposal for agreement on key security issues.

Faced with the prospect of serious negotiations, Nicaragua refused even to consider the Contadora Group proposal. Repeated efforts by the four Contadora sponsors to get the Nicaraguans to reconsider made clear that the Nicaraguan delegation was acting on firm instructions from Managua.

The United States reiterates our own strong support for a verifiable and comprehensive regional accord. A Contadora Group communique issued yesterday notes that Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras reaffirmed their commitment to reaching a regional agreement. Peace in Central America is everybody's responsibility and Nicaragua has just walked off the job. We urge the Government of Nicaragua to rejoin the peace process on the agenda already set by the Contadora countries

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