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Letter dated 11 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 of protest dated 10 July 1985 addressed by the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, Mr. José Tomas Arita Valle, to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, Mr. Miquel D'Escoto Brockmann (see annex).

This note of protest is related to that of 8 July 1985 (A/39/930-S/17331) and sets forth the result of the official investigations confirming the occurrence of new acts of aggression against the territorial sovereignty of Honduras.

I should be grateful if you would have the aforementioned text, which has already been transmitted to the Organization of American States, circulated 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

Note of protest dated 10 July 1985 from the Acting Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Honduras to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Nicaragua

I wish to inform you that, following careful investigation, it has been proved that, on 4 July 1985, at 7 a.m., the Sandinist People's Army did, in fact, launch an artillery attack against the sector of Mlauca, El Paraíso Department.

My Government protests vehemently at this new violation of Honduran territory and regrets in advance the hackneyed argument that it was a question of mercenary forces in the service of the Government of the United States, since the direction from which the projectiles came from and their characteristics leave no doubt that the attack was launched by the Sandinist People's Army.

On this occasion, the bombardment in question fortunately caused no personal injury. Nevertheless, I appeal to the good sense of the Nicaraguan rulers in order that an end be put to these unjustified acts of aggression, which, at any moment, might cause Honduras to exercise the inherent right of self-defence, enshrined in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

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