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Letter dated 1 February 1990 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a note sent to you by His Excellency Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua.

I should be grateful if you would have this note and its annex distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "The situation in Central America: threats to international peace and security and peace initiatives" and "Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Martín VEGA
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

LETTER DATED 24 JANUARY 1990 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF NICARAGUA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to write to you again expressing my Government's deep concern at the increase in military actions carried out on the ground and from the air against Nicaragua. These actions have caused considerable suffering and tension among the civilian population and serious damage to our already weakened economy. Such actions, launched from outside the national territory, are also a serious violation of my country's sovereignty and territorial integrity and of the commitments entered into by the Central American Presidents in the context of the peace process initiated at Esquipulas.

In this context, the position taken by the United States Government and the contras with regard to the electoral process is particularly disturbing. In October 1989, the contras prevented a considerable number of Nicaraguans from registering to vote in the elections. Since late October, murders of electoral activists of the Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional (FSLN) and acts of intimidation against the civilian population have increased in certain areas of the country.

The irregular units have their main operational and logistical bases in Honduran territory, where they have modern communications equipment and logistical support provided by the United States Government.

My Government therefore holds the United States Government responsible for this campaign against the electoral process, which includes the attempt to assassinate the President of the Republic and FSLN presidential candidate on 21 January in the Quilalí area.

I am attaching a document listing the main actions carried out by the contras during the period in question.

On the basis of the mandate entrusted to ONUCA of conducting on-site verification of the cessation of aid to irregular forces and insurrectionist movements and the non-use of the territory of one State for attacks on other States, my Government requests that ONUCA investigate and prevent such incidents.

These incidents are further proof that the contra demobilization process must be carried out immediately and that the mandate of ONUCA must be broadened to enable it to participate in the demobilization of these irregular forces, in accordance with the agreements reached by the Central American Presidents at the summit meetings at Tela, Honduras, and San Isidro de Coronado, Costa Rica.

It is also extremely important, as I told you in my note of 11 January 1990, that CIAV begin to perform its functions immediately by setting up follow-up offices; disseminating information on the content of the Joint Plan, the progress

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made in implementing it and the guarantees offered by my Government; taking a headcount of contra troops and making an inventory of their weapons; setting up reception centres; creating temporary residence areas; meeting the basic needs of repatriated persons on their arrival; etc.

Appendix

CONTRA ACTIVITY SINCE THE CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE MILITARY
OPERATIONS WAS SUSPENDED

NOVEMBER

1 November

- Fighting by the Sandinist People's Army (EPS) in Sabalar district, north-west of Santo Domingo, Chontales. One of our men was killed and another wounded.
- Fighting at Santa Rosa, south-west of Murra, Nueva Segovia. Two contras killed.

2 November

- Fighting at Piedra Blanca, north of Quilalí, Nueva Segovia. Four contras killed.
- Fighting in Los Angeles district, north-east of San Rafael del Norte, Jinotega. One contra killed.
- Fighting in Mancotal district, north-east of San Rafael del Norte, Jinotega. One EPS soldier killed.

3 November

- Fighting at Kisilaya, west of Waspán, North Atlantic Autonomous Region. Seven contras killed and four wounded.

4 November

- A group of mercenaries murdered a peasant at the place known as El Triunfo, north-west of Nueva Guinea, South Atlantic Autonomous Region.

5 November

- Fighting in El Garrobo district, north of Presillitas, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One EPS soldier wounded.
- Kidnapping of two civilians at Loma David, north-east of José Benito Escobar village, South Atlantic Autonomous Region.
- A peasant was kidnapped the same day in Jobillo district, north-east of Villa Revolución, Chontales.
- Fighting in El Garrobo district, north of Presillitas, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One EPS soldier wounded.

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6 November

- Fighting at Mahogany Creek, north-east of Talolinga, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. Two contras killed.
- Contras ambushed EPS troops in Pilán district, south-west of La Piñuola, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One soldier was killed and three wounded.
- A contra group ambushed an EPS patrol at Caño Yolaina, south-east of Nueva Guinea, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One EPS soldier was wounded.

7 November

- Fighting at Cerro Pavón, north-east of José Benito Escobar village, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. Two contras killed.
- Fighting at Wanawas, north of Río Blanco, Department of Matagalpa. One mercenary killed.
- Fighting at Caño El Toro, south of El Tortuguero, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One soldier wounded.
- Fighting at Caño Kisilala, north-west of Presillitas, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One contra killed.
- Fighting at Cerro El Corozo, north-east of Villa Revolución, Department of Chontales. Two EPS soldiers killed and two wounded. One contra killed.
- Fighting at Cerro El Cachete, north of Quilalí, Nueva Segovia. Two EPS soldiers wounded.

8 November

- A contra group ambushed two EPS trucks at La Pavona, north of Abisinia, Jinotega. One EPS soldier was killed, six wounded and two abducted.
- Mercenaries kidnapped two civilians at Zacatera, south-west of Wiwilí, Jinotega.
- Contras kidnapped a peasant at Paslama, north-west of La Libertad, Chontales.
- A contra group kidnapped four peasants in the place known as Silvandera, east of El Rama, South Atlantic Autonomous Region.

9 November

- A contra group ambushed EPS troops at the Río Camastro, north-east of Santo Domingo. One EPS soldier was wounded.
- A contra group murdered a civilian at La Vigía, north-east of Pantasma, Jinotega.

10 November

- A contra group attacked EPS troops at Caño La Calentura, south-east of La Piñuela, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One soldier was killed and two wounded.
- Fighting at the Río Kama, north-east of El Rama, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One soldier wounded and two contras killed.
- Fighting at El Camalote, north-west of San Sebastián, Yalí, Jinotega. One contra killed.

11 November

- Fighting at Caño Santa Rita, south of Acoyapa, Chontales. Two contras killed.
- Fighting at the Río Isiquinis, La Piñuela, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. Two contras killed.
- Fighting at Caño La Morena, south-east of Santo Domingo, Chontales. One contra killed.

12 November

- Fighting at Las Lajas, south-west of San Sebastián, Yalí, Jinotega. One soldier killed.
- Contra groups kidnapped a peasant north-east of Pantasma, Jinotega.
- Contra groups murdered a peasant at Lomas Medio Mundo, south-west of Tololinga, South Atlantic Autonomous Region.
- Contra groups kidnapped three civilians at Lomas Medio Mundo, south-west of Tololinga, South Atlantic Autonomous Region.

13 November

- Fighting at Cerro El Barrial, south-west of El Almendro, Río San Juan. Two soldiers wounded.
- Fighting at Buena Vista, north-west of Pantasma, Jinotega. Two soldiers wounded.
- A contra group kidnapped a peasant at Cerro La Piña, north-west of El Almendro, Río San Juan.

14 November

- Fighting at La Pavona abajo, north-west of Abisinia, Jinotega. Two contras killed.

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- Fighting in Musuwaka district, north-west of Muelle de los Bueyes, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One soldier killed and one wounded.
- Fighting at Cerro El Chile, north-west of Pantasma, Jinotega. Two soldiers wounded.
- Fighting at Buena Vista, north-west of Pantasma, Jinotega. Two soldiers wounded.
- Fighting at La Medalla, south-west of Paiwas, Chontales. One soldier killed.
- Fighting at La Cañada, Quililito, south-west of Rancho Grande, Matagalpa. One soldier wounded.
- A contra group attacked the place known as La Pita, south-west of Jinotega. Two civilians were wounded.

15 November

- Fighting at El Cacao, south-west of La Fonseca, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One contra killed.
- Fighting in Monte Verdes district, south-east of Paiwas, Chontales. Two soldiers wounded.
- A contra group murdered a peasant who had been kidnapped on 8 November at Los Naranjos, north-east of San Rafael del Norte, Jinotega.
- Fighting at Quebrada El Zapote, north-west of Jinotega. One soldier and one civilian wounded and one contra killed.
- Fighting at Río Quisaura, south of Bocana de Paiwas, Chontales. One soldier killed.

16 November

- Fighting at Cerro El Congo, north-west of San José de Bocay, Jinotega. One civilian wounded.
- Mercenaries attacked EPS troops at El Aguacate, west of La Batea, Chontales. One soldier was wounded.
- Fighting at Cañada La Mula, south-east of Rancho Grande, Department of Matagalpa. One soldier wounded.
- Fighting at Cerro Grande de Kuskawas, south-east of Rancho Grande, Department of Matagalpa. One soldier wounded.
- Contras kidnapped two civilian women at La Llave, 8 kilometres north-east of El Almendro, Río San Juan.

17 November

- Fighting at Santa Teresa arriba, north-west of San José de Bocay, Jinotega. One soldier wounded.

18 November

- Contras kidnapped a peasant at Oro Verde, 15 kilometres south-east of Condega, Department of Estelí.
- Fighting at Las Nubes, south-east of Los Chinamos, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. Two contras killed.
- Fighting at San Vicente, south-east of Los Chinamos, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One contra killed.
- Fighting at El Caimito, south-west of El Rama, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One contra leader killed.

19 November

- Fighting in Las Peñitas district, north-west of Río Blanco, Matagalpa. One contra killed.

20 November

- Fighting at Río San Luis, south-west of Carlos Fonseca village, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One contra killed.
- Fighting in La Tigra district, north-west of La Batea, Chontales. One contra killed.
- Mercenaries kidnapped four peasants at Las Trincheras, east of Abisinia, Jinotega.
- A mercenary group kidnapped three peasants at the Escambray estate, north of Matiguas, Matagalpa.

21 November

- Fighting at Cerro Puerto Viejo, north-west of Matiguas, Matagalpa. One mercenary killed.
- Fighting at Río Inquinas, south-east of La Piñuela, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One contra killed.

22 November

- Attack on Los Chinamos village, 13 kilometres north-east of Santo Domingo, Chontales. One peasant kidnapped.

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- Fighting at La Loma Grande, south-west of Carlos Fonseca village, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. Two contras killed.

23 November

- Contra attack on an Isuzu truck carrying civilian passengers, which hit a Claymore mine at the place known as El Barro, 20 kilometres north-east of Wiwili, Jinotega. One civilian was killed and five wounded.

24 November

- Fighting in La Anita district, north-east of San Rafael del Norte, Jinotega. One mercenary killed.

25 November

- Contras ambushed an EPS patrol at Cerro La Juliana, south-east of Bocana de Paiwas, Chontales. One mercenary was killed.
- Fighting at Caño Chacalín, south-west of Carlos Fonseca village, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One contra killed.
- Fighting at El Bijagual, north of San Sebastián de Yalí, Jinotega. One civilian killed.
- Fighting at Cerro El Guayabo, south-east of Mulukuku, Department of Matagalpa.
- Contra groups kidnapped two civilians at Cerro Grande, south-east of Camoapa, Boaco.
- Fighting at Quebrada Grande, south-west of the village of Nueva Guinea, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. Two contras killed.

26 November

- Fighting at Cerro El Congo, north-east of Matiguas, Matagalpa. Two mercenaries killed.
- Fighting in El Arenal district, south-east of San José de Bocay, Jinotega. One contra killed.

27 November

- Fighting in the El Jicote valley, south-east of Wiwili, Jinotega. Six contras killed.
- Fighting at Cerro Arenal, east of San José de Bocay, Jinotega. Four contras killed.
- Fighting at El Cangrejal, south-east of Santo Domingo, Chontales. One contra killed.

- Fighting at Caño Chacalín, south-west of Carlos Fonseca village, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One contra leader killed.
- A mercenary group raided the San Andrés and San Nicolás estates, south-west of Paiwas, Chontales. Two civilians were kidnapped.

28 November

- Fighting at Las Nubes, north-east of Puerto Viejo, Matagalpa. One contra killed.
- Fighting at La Vigía, north-east of Pantasma, Jinotega. One civilian wounded.
- Mercenary attack on the Isla Upán co-operative, south of El Tuma, Matagalpa. One civilian killed.
- Contras kidnapped a civilian on the San Nicolás estate, south-west of Paiwas, Chontales.

29 November

- A mercenary group kidnapped three peasants to the west of El Tortuguero, South Atlantic Autonomous Region.

30 November

- Fighting at Quebrada Grande, south-west of Nueva Guinea, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. Two contras killed.
- Fighting at Caño La Toboba, north-west of El Castillo, Department of Río San Juan.
- A civilian was kidnapped in the place known as La Ñoca, north-west of El Castillo, Department of Río San Juan.
- Fighting at Caño Cariño, north-west of El Castillo, Department of Río San Juan. One contra killed.

DECEMBER

1 December

- Fighting at Caño La Danta, south-west of Carlos Fonseca village, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. Three contras killed.
- Fighting at San José, south-west of Bocana de Paiwas, Department of Chontales. No casualties.
- Fighting at Cerro Sabalete, north of Matiguas, Department of Matagalpa. Two contras killed.

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2 December

- Fighting at Cerro La Venada, north-west of El Castillo, Department of Río San Juan. One contra killed.
- Fighting at Bocana de Paiwas, north-west of Río Blanco, Department of Matagalpa. Three contras killed.
- Fighting in the place known as La Gloria, north-east of Villa Revolución, Department of Chontales. One contra killed.

3 December

- Fighting at Caño Las Limas, south-west of Carlos Fonseca village, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One mercenary killed.
- Fighting at Cerro La Esperanza, north-west of La Batea, Chontales. One contra killed.
- A contra group ambushed a van at Las Trincheras, two kilometres north-east of the city of Jinotega. One civilian was killed and one wounded.

4 December

- Fighting in Mancotal district, north-east of San Rafael del Norte, Jinotega. Five contras killed.
- Fighting at Cerro Las Minas, east of San Rafael del Norte, Jinotega. One contra killed.
- Fighting in the place known as Escuela el Mojón, north-east of San Rafael del Norte. One contra killed.
- Mercenary attack on the Santa Rita Economic Production Unit (UPE), three kilometres south of San Antonio de las Cuchillas, Department of Jinotega. Two civilians kidnapped.
- Contra attack on the Santa Rita UPE, three kilometres south of San Antonio de las Cuchillas, Jinotega. Two civilians kidnapped.

6 December

- Fighting at Cerro El Pijibay, south-west of San Pedro del Norte, Department of Matagalpa. One contra killed.

8 December

- Fighting at Caño La Venada, north-east of La Piñuela, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One mercenary killed.

- Attack on the place known as La Lana, south-west of San José de Bocay, Department of Jinotega. One peasant killed, one wounded and one kidnapped.
- Raid on Santa Teresa, west of San José de Bocay, Department of Jinotega. Three peasants kidnapped.
- Fighting in Wasmuk district, north-east of La Piñuela, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. Two contras killed.
- Fighting at Cerro Catarina, south-east of Río Blanco, Matagalpa. One contra killed.
- Fighting in the place known as Caserío El Guabo, north of Mohán, Chontales. One contra killed.
- A mercenary group kidnapped a civilian in the place known as El Aguacate, north-west of Nueva Guinea, South Atlantic Autonomous Region.
- A mercenary group kidnapped two civilians at El Naype, south of Siuna, North Atlantic Autonomous Region.

10 December

- Fighting at the place known as Cabecera del Toro, south-east of San José de Bocay, Jinotega. Three contras killed, three civilians wounded.
- Fighting in Yucumalí district, south-east of Waslalá, Matagalpa. One contra killed.
- Fighting at Calzón Quemado gorge, north-east of La Piñuela, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. Three contras killed.
- Two civilians kidnapped in Masiguito district, north-west of Villa Revolución, Department of Chontales.

11 December

- Fighting at Cerro Las Mariás, south-east of Puerto Viejo, Matagalpa. One contra killed.
- Fighting at Caño Jorgito, north-east of La Piñuela, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One contra killed.
- Fighting at Cerro Sabalete, north of Matiguas, Department of Matagalpa. One mercenary killed.
- A mercenary group murdered a peasant in Walí district, north of San Juan del Río Coco, Nueva Segovia.

12 December

- Fighting at Caño Limón, south-west of San Pedro del Norte, Chontales. Three contras killed.
- Fighting in El Silencio district, east of Santo Domingo, Chontales. Three contras killed.

13 December

- A contra group murdered a civilian at Cerro Krawa, south-west of Puerto Viejo, Matagalpa.
- A contra group murdered two civilians at Cerro Chimenca, south-west of Bocana de Paiwas, Chontales.

14 December

- A contra group murdered a civilian at the Río Cosuca, north-west of Santo Domingo, Chontales.

15 December

- Fighting in El Arenal district, east of San José de Bocay, Jinotega. Two contras killed.

18 December

- Fighting in San Antonio district, north-east of Villa Revolución, Chontales. One contra killed.

19 December

- Contras kidnapped a civilian at Cerro Lebay, south-east of San José de Bocay, Jinotega.

20 December

- Contras murdered two long-standing supporters of FSLN at Santa María de Loma Azul, south-west of Pantasma, Jinotega.

21 December

- Contras kidnapped a civilian at Santa Rosa, south-west of La Libertad, Chontales.

22 December

- Contras kidnapped two civilians at Cerro Malacate, south-west of San Sebastián de Yalí, Jinotega.

25 December

- Contras murdered a civilian at Linda Vista, north-east of Tuma, Matagalpa.
- Contras murdered a civilian at El Algodonal, south-east of Condega, Estelí.

26 December

- Contras kidnapped seven peasants at El Nispero, Jesus María, Laguna and Potrerillos, south-west of Condega, and killed three of them the next day at Cerro El Mono, Condega, Estelí.

27 December

- Fighting at Mancornada gorge, north-west of Abisinia, Jinotega. Three contras killed.
- Fighting at the Río Palán, north of the Río Blanco, Matagalpa. One civilian killed and four wounded.
- Contras kidnapped three civilians at San Antonio de los Encuentros, north-west of San Juan de Limay, Estelí.
- Contras kidnapped four peasants from El Naranjo, north-west of Estelí.
- Contras murdered a peasant at Bijaguita, north-east of Villa Revolución, South Atlantic Autonomous Region.

28 December

- Contras kidnapped a peasant in El Mono district, north-east of Villa Revolución, South Atlantic Autonomous Region.
- Contras murdered a peasant at Masaguito, north-west of Villa Revolución, South Atlantic Autonomous Region.
- Contras kidnapped a peasant at Cerro La Tigra, north-east of El Almendro, Department of Río San Juan.

29 December

- Contras kidnapped three peasants to the west of El Tortuguero, South Atlantic Autonomous Region.
- Contras kidnapped five civilians at Piedra Larga, south-east of Condega, Estelí.
- Fighting at Kuskawas, south-east of Rancho Grande, Matagalpa. Five contras killed and six wounded.

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30 December

- Contras kidnapped a peasant at Tapasle, south-east of Dalia, Matagalpa.
- Fighting at Tierra Colorada, south-east of Condega, Estelí. Two contras killed and three wounded.
- Fighting at Chocolata, south of El Almendro, Department of Río San Juan. Two contras killed and two wounded.
- Fighting at Cerro El Chilamate, south-east of El Almendro, Río San Juan. One contra killed.
- Fighting at Cerro Cuero Enrollado, north-west of Río Blanco, Matagalpa. One contra killed.

31 December

- Fighting at Río Kama, north-east of El Rama, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One contra killed.

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1 January

- Contras kidnapped three civilians at El Porvenir, north-west of El Almendro, Department of Río San Juan.
- Contras ambushed a religious sub-commission, killing two nuns, one of them a United States citizen, and wounding two other people, in the Ojo de Agua area, south-west of La Mina de Rosita, North Atlantic Autonomous Region.

2 January

- Fighting at Caño Pailita, north-west of Presillas, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. Two contras killed.
- Fighting in the Cordillera Isabelia, south-east of San José de Bocay, Jinotega. One contra killed.
- Fighting at Cerro Masapa, north-east of Rancho Grande, Department of Matagalpa. Two contras killed.

3 January

- Contras ambushed a civilian transport van, killing one civilian and wounding another, in the place known as Las Trincheras, north-west of Jinotega.
- Fighting at La Trinidad, north-west of La Batea, Department of Chontales. Two contras killed.

4 January

- Fighting to the north-east of San Sebastián de Yalí, Department of Jinotega. One contra killed.
- Fighting at La Esperanza, north-east of Bocana de Paiwas, Department of Chontales. One civilian wounded.
- Fighting at San Isidro, north-east of San Sebastián de Yalí, Department of Jinotega. Two civilians wounded.
- Fighting at La Esperanza, south-west of Mulukuku, Department of Matagalpa. One contra killed.
- Contras kidnapped a peasant at Cerro El Guásimo, east of El Almendro, Department of Río San Juan.
- Contras murdered a peasant in Sisle district, south-west of San Rafael del Norte, Department of Jinotega.
- A contra group murdered a peasant at Cerro Las Nubes, south-east of Wiwili, Department of Jinotega.

6 January

- Fighting at El Diamante, north-west of Río Blanco, Department of Matagalpa. One contra killed.
- A contra group kidnapped three civilians at La Vigía, south-east of Quilalí, Department of Nueva Segovia.

7 January

- Fighting in the place known as La Rica, south-west of Wiwili, Department of Jinotega. Two contras killed.
- Contras kidnapped a peasant woman at Los Cedros, south-east of Pantasma, Department of Jinotega.

8 January

- A contra group wounded a civilian at El Socorro, north-east of Pantasma, Department of Jinotega.
- Mercenaries kidnapped a peasant at San Pedro, south-west of Quilalí, Department of Nueva Segovia.

12 January

- A contra group kidnapped two civilians in the place known as Aguas Calientes, east of Pantasma, Department of Jinotega.

- Fighting at Cerro El Naranjo, north of El Rama, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One contra killed.
- Fighting at Bilampí abajo, south-east of Waslalá, Department of Matagalpa.
- Fighting at Quebrada Palsila, north-west of the city of Jinotega. One contra killed.
- Fighting at Cerro El Naranjo, north of El Rama, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One contra killed (a contra leader called Runga).
- Fighting at Bilampí abajo, south-east of Waslalá, Matagalpa. No one was killed.

13 January

- Fighting at Cañada La Mula, north-west of Rancho Grande, Department of Matagalpa. One contra killed.
- Contras kidnapped two peasants at El Tambor, north-east of La Gateada, Department of Chontales.

14 January

- Fighting at the place known as La Ermita, north-west of Jinotega. Four mercenaries killed.
- Fighting at Palán, north-west of Río Blanco, Matagalpa. One contra killed.
- Fighting at San Marcos and La Loma, north-west of the city of Jinotega. Three contras killed.
- Fighting at Loma de la Fuente, south-west of El Almendro, Río San Juan. One contra killed.

15 January

- Fighting at El Caimito, north-east of Santo Domingo, Chontales. One civilian killed and one kidnapped.
- Fighting at Caño Las Garcías, north of Muelle de los Bueyes, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One contra killed.

16 January

- Fighting at Copalar, south-east of Mulukuku, Matagalpa. Five contras killed.
- Fighting at the place known as El Pájaro, north-east of Rancho Grande, Matagalpa. Five contras killed.

- Fighting at El Sabalar, north of Matiguas, Matagalpa. Four contras killed.
- Fighting at Loma del Nance, west of the city of Jinotega. Four contras killed.
- Fighting at Cerro El Carrizo, west of the city of Jinotega. Four contras killed.

17 January

- Fighting at El Zapotal, south-west of Santo Domingo, Chontales. One contra killed.
- Fighting at El Retén, south-east of El Almendro, Río San Juan. One contra killed.
- Contras kidnapped three civilians at Plan Jilguero, east of Wiwilí, Jinotega.
- Fighting at Cerro El Arenal, north-east of San José de Bocay, Jinotega. One contra killed.

18 January

- Fighting at Cerro La Laguna, north of Santo Domingo, Chontales. One contra killed.
- Fighting at Santa Cruz, north-east of Pantasma, Jinotega. One contra killed.
- Fighting at Buena Vista, south-east of El Almendro, Río San Juan. Four contras killed.
- Fighting at Las Mesas de los Espejos, east of La Trinidad, Estelí. One EPS soldier was killed and one wounded. Three contras killed.

19 January

- Fighting at Caño Wapí, north of Presilla, South Atlantic Autonomous Region. One contra killed.
- Fighting at Loma Poza Redonda, south-west of El Almendro, Río San Juan. One contra killed.
- Fighting at Las Minas, south-west of Mulukuku, Department of Matagalpa. One contra killed.
- Fighting at Cerro El Pastal, north-west of Waslalá, Department of Jinotega. One contra killed.

20 January

- Fighting at Cerro Chachaguita, south-east of Abisinia. One contra killed.

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21 January

- An unknown number of contras attempted to ambush the FSLN election motorcade headed by President Daniel Ortega at Buena Vista, an area near Quilali, in the North Atlantic Autonomous Region. The ambush did not take place because army and Ministry of the Interior troops intercepted contra communications ahead of time.

22 January

- Contra forces who had entered the country from Honduran territory kidnapped 80 peasant coffee cutters from the Santa Teresa estate, 30 kilometres north of Jinotega.
