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Letter dated 12 July 1985 from the Permanent Representative
of Honduras 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 11 July 1985 which Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, Mr. Miquel D'Escoto Brockmann (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the above-mentioned text, the contents of which 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

Note of protest dated 11 July 1985 from the Minister for
Foreign Affairs of Honduras addressed to the Minister
for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua

I am writing to inform you of the following facts:

On 10 July 1985, between 7 and 8 a.m., the Sandinist People's Army bombarded the sector of Lodosa, El Paraíso Department, with 122 millimetre BM-21 mortars, with between 120 and 130 shells falling on the community of Guambuco and on the hills of Calentura, El Horno, El Jengibral and El Cantón. As a result of the bombardment, the house of Mr. Simón Reyes Mendoza was destroyed, but there were no human losses.

In view of this new and unjustified aggression against the national territory by the Sandinist People's Army, my Government lodges a strong protest, while wondering what the Government of Nicaragua is aiming at with this dangerous policy of provocation and harassment towards its neighbours.

On the one hand, it succeeds, with its intransigent position, in paralysing the negotiations being carried out within the Contadora forum, whose work it claims to support, and, on the other hand, it insists, with its aggressive attitude, on extending the climate of armed confrontation in which it lives to the rest of the Central American countries, which is precisely what Contadora seeks to avoid.

I do not feel it is necessary to warn you that such a policy entails numerous risks for the region, since my Government, at least, is not prepared to continue to tolerate indefinitely the constant violations of national sovereignty committed by the Government of Nicaragua. The situation calls for calm and prudence and not acts of irresponsible violence.

(Signed) Edgardo PAZ BARNICA
Minister for Foreign Affairs

