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Letter dated 29 July 1985 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 to you the attached text of the note sent to His Excellency Mr. George Shultz, Secretary of State of the United States of America, by Her Excellency Nora Astorga, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, on 29 July 1985 (see annex).

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

(Signed) Julio ICAZA GALLARD  
Ambassador  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX

Letter dated 29 July 1985 from the Acting Minister for Foreign  
Affairs of Nicaragua addressed to the Secretary of State of  
the United States of America

I am writing to inform Your Excellency of the following:

On Saturday, 27 July, at approximately 5 p.m., a group of mercenaries in the service of the United States Government ambushed two trucks which were transporting mothers and relatives of members of the Patriotic Military Service in the area between Wilike and La Paila, to the north-west of Río Blanco, in the Department of Matagalpa.

As a result of this criminal terrorist action, eight innocent mothers and one civilian were murdered and the bodies of two of the mothers subsequently burnt, and a further 18 people were wounded. The names of the murdered mothers are: Concepción Blanco Silva, María José Chávez Rodríguez, Simona Moreno Reyes, Rosa Alpina Espinoza Rodríguez, Dolores Medina, Petronila Solís Rouríguez, Rosa Espino Sánchez and Rosina Betanco. The names of the wounded are: Zoila Torres Gutiérrez, Alma Iris Sánchez, Pastora Salgado Ordeñana, Carlos Obregón López, Daysi Mayorga López, Silvio Moreno Flores, Mario Aguilar Pérez, Aura Pacheco Hernández, José Francisco Chávez Herrera, Justo Esteban Cantillano, Alma Nidia de Estrada, Juana Olivares Moreno, Angela Santana Escoto, Clemente Fermín Díaz, Juan Espinoza, Marcos Uriel Lindo Polanco, Roberto Hernández and Tania Espinoza Rodríguez.

Since it supports and encourages the mercenary forces financed, armed and led by the Central Intelligence Agency with the aim of spreading terror against the Nicaraguan people, the United States Government bears direct responsibility for this savage and cowardly crime.

This terrorist act comes shortly after the approval by the United States Congress of further millions in appropriations for these mercenary and terrorist groups which, incapable of meeting the organized strength of the people face to face, instead perpetrate massive crimes against defenceless citizens.

In presenting to the United States Government its most formal and vigorous protest at this further act of barbarism committed by the mercenary groups in that Government's service, the Government of Nicaragua emphasizes that this unspeakable crime once again demonstrates the inconsistency of United States policy which, on the one hand, strongly attacks terrorism and threatens Nicaragua with unjustified direct military attacks in contravention of international law and, on the other hand, encourages the most inhuman terrorist actions against Nicaragua's population.

Were its attitude at all coherent, it would have to not only suspend all support to the mercenary groups but also seek a negotiated peaceful solution to the Central American crisis, using such means established by the United Nations Charter as the International Court of Justice, and resuming the bilateral talks with Nicaragua requested recently by the Contadora Group and called for by the international community.

(Signed) Nora ASTORGA  
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs

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