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Letter dated 5 August 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 herewith the note dated 2 August 1985 from Her Excellency Nora Astorga, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, addressed to His Excellency Carlos José Gutiérrez, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this note to be 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

Note dated 2 August 1985 from the Acting Minister for  
Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua addressed to the Minister  
for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica

I have the honour to draw your attention to the following:

Today, 2 August, at 3 p.m., forces of the Sandinist People's Army occupied and cleared out another of the principal bases maintained by the mercenary organization ARDE in Nicaraguan territory in the Sarapiquí sector, in Río San Juan. As a result of this operation, dozens of mercenaries who had been in that base crossed over into Costa Rican territory, where they occupied military positions from which they are attacking the positions of the Nicaraguan army.

It should be noted that there is a Civil Guard post near this sector but that so far no steps have been taken to prevent the attacks on Nicaraguan territory and to subdue and disarm the groups of mercenaries in Costa Rican territory.

In view of the gravity of these facts, the Government of Nicaragua is compelled to submit a very strong protest to the Government of Costa Rica. The Government of Nicaragua considers it virtually impossible that the Costa Rican authorities should be unaware of the facts we are denouncing, which makes it all the more inexplicable that the groups of mercenaries should be able to attack our national territory with impunity without any action being taken by the Costa Rican authorities to prevent the commission of these illegal acts.

The Government of Nicaragua considers that as a matter of urgency the Government of Costa Rica should immediately instruct the authorities of the sector concerned to put an end to the attacks on our territory and to capture the mercenaries who are in Costa Rican territory, in accordance with the appropriate obligations of international law.

(Signed) Nora ASTORGA  
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs

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