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Letter dated 16 August 1985 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.  
of the Permanent Mission of Honduras to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith two letters, dated 15 and 16 August 1985, from the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, Mr. José Tomás Arita Valle, to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, Mr. Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann (see annexes I and II).

In the note of protest contained in the annex to our previous letter dated 24 July 1985 (A/39/936-S/17353), the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, Dr. Edgardo Paz Barnica, provided a chronology of the incidents which occurred during the month of July 1985, to which are now added those reported in the annexes to this letter.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this document and its annexes, which have already been transmitted to the Organization of American States, 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) Héctor ZELAYA COLMANN  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

ANNEX I

Letter dated 15 August 1985 from the Acting Minister for  
Foreign Affairs of Honduras addressed to the Minister for  
Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua

I am writing to inform you of yet another violation of Honduran territory, perpetrated by four members of the Sandinist People's Army, armed with AK-47 rifles and hand-grenades, who, around midday on 12 August, entered our territory at the place called "Las Manos", in San Marcos de Colón District, Choluteca Department, and threatened the lives of two poor labourers, Vidal Betancourt Osequera and Fermín Mondragón, robbing them of a mule, a horse, a watch, some cash and a revolver. After committing this act of banditry and pillage, they returned to Nicaraguan territory.

This is yet another act which demonstrates the aggressive attitude of the Government of Nicaragua, which cannot control the acts of pillage committed by members of its army. My Government protests vehemently and reiterates its appeal that you should reflect upon these events and should not permit such actions to jeopardize relations between our countries.

José Tomás ARITA VALLE  
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs

ANNEX II

Letter dated 16 August 1985 from the Acting Minister for  
Foreign Affairs of Honduras addressed to the Minister  
for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua

I am writing to inform you of the following incident:

On Wednesday, 14 August 1985, at 11.30 a.m., troops of the Sandinist People's Army entered Honduran territory at the place called "La Laguna" in El Paraíso Department.

The group which penetrated into our territory was composed of 10 men, who ambushed a Honduran patrol belonging to the Sixth Infantry Battalion, killing Sergeant Pedro Mondragón Rostrán and seriously wounding a soldier, Ricardo Henríquez Colíndres.

This is the second act of aggression committed this week by troops of the Sandinist People's Army inside Honduran territory, which indicates that your enlightened Government is intensifying its campaign of attacks against our national sovereignty. We are not prepared to suffer any further loss of life and will therefore take vigorous action to repulse such unjustified acts of aggression. My Government protests against this new act of aggression and treacherous attack by the troops of the Sandinist People's Army in Honduran territory and demands a prompt apology for those acts.

I ask that, once and for all, the desire for peace which your Government fraudulently professes be translated into tangible actions demonstrating in the negotiations sponsored by the Contadora Group a firm commitment to maintaining respectful relations with neighbouring countries.

José Tomás ARITA VALLE  
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs

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