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Letter dated 10 September 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 text of the letter dated 9 September 1985 from Her Excellency Nora Astorga, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed to His Excellency Mr. Carlos José Gutiérrez, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex 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 9 September 1985 from the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica

I wish to call your attention to the following serious incidents:

On 7 September, at 1 p.m., troops of the Sandinist People's Army who were in the San Juan river delta, in Nicaraguan territory, were attacked by rifle and machine-gun fire coming from Costa Rica.

In addition, on 8 September, at 7 p.m., a C-47 plane of the Sandinist Air Force in the Sarapiquí sector, 35 kilometres south-west of San Juan del Norte, in Nicaraguan territory, was attacked by rifle fire and 50-calibre machine-gun fire coming from Costa Rican territory.

I must also inform you that today, 9 September, at 10 a.m., two helicopters of the Sandinist Air Force in the sector of the San Juan river delta in Nicaraguan territory, were attacked by rifle and mortar fire coming from Costa Rica.

The Government of Nicaragua, in registering its most formal and vigorous protest at this series of attacks from Costa Rican territory, expresses its serious concern at these incidents, which are occurring at a time when preparations are under way for a joint meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Contadora Group and of the Central American countries aimed at reducing tension and achieving peace in the region, and when a secret document of the United States State Department has just been revealed which once more illustrates that Government's policy of boycotting the negotiating process sponsored by the Contadora Group.

Once again I must repeat that these actions indicate the urgent need for both Governments to engage in a frank and constructive dialogue leading to the establishment of a neutralized security zone and, hence, to a restoration of the climate of confidence which should prevail among nations that aspire, out of historic destiny, to fraternal and harmonious coexistence.

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