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[Telex from Daniel Ortega Saavedra to Mrs Thatcher]

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. TSIA184

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**Subject: Nicaragua
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Dear Madam,

I wish to inform you of the present action being taken by my country at the Security Council.

Nicaragua has submitted to the Members of the Security Council a draft resolution requesting the 'condemnation of the escalation aggression against our people and territory, and especially of the attempts to impose a maritime blockade on Nicaragua by mining our main ports which, as you know, has resulted in Nicaraguans being killed and people of other nationalities being wounded, in violation of the most fundamental principles of international law and free navigation and trade.

We have considered it necessary to have recourse to the highest world authority responsible for protecting peace and security in view not only of the seriousness and escalation of the aggression, but also in view of the need to spare no efforts or measures which may lead to the establishment of conditions enabling the negotiating process backed by the Contadora Group to proceed.

We trust, therefore, that your government will support the draft resolution submitted by Nicaragua at the Security Council and that it will declare itself at that organisation in defence of our right of self-determination and against the military activities, especially the mining of ports, which amounts to a virtual blockade of our country and is jeopardising the work towards peace undertaken by the Contadora Group, into which so much effort has been put.

Yours etc.

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Nicaragua