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LETTER DATED 2 JULY 1969 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF EL SALVADOR  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the following message, dated 1 July, from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, Dr. Francisco José Guerrero, to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States:

"I was very surprised by the text of the cable addressed to you on 27 June by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, Tiburcio Carías Castillo. Nothing could be farther from the truth than to state that El Salvador is engaging in activities 'apparently designed to create a bellicose attitude in popular and official circles'. What El Salvador has done is denounce to public opinion in the Americas and throughout the world the indescribable outrages committed against thousands of Salvadorians residing in Honduras. The Government of El Salvador has asked the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to intervene in order that it may verify in situ the murders, persecutions, rapes, injuries, detentions, mass expulsions of individuals who are obliged to go into involuntary exile, destruction of property and other acts which taken as a whole are characteristic of the crime of genocide, for which we hold the Government of Honduras responsible, since its agents have participated in them actively or by negligence by permitting sacred human rights to be violated by unruly mobs, actuated by a systematic campaign which has been under way for many years and is designed to awaken in the hearts of the Honduran people hatred and aversion for El Salvador, its Government and the Salvadorian minority residing in Honduras. This campaign is the true cause of the conflict. It is ridiculous and insulting to Central America as a whole to state that the conflict originated in incidents which took place at a sports event. Many of these violations of human rights have been substantiated before the diplomatic corps accredited to this Republic. The same diplomatic corps has been able to verify that Hondurans residing in El Salvador have never been harassed, that their rights have never been violated and that they enjoy complete freedom and protection in our country. The Government and people of El Salvador, conscious of their patriotic duty, stand ready to defend their violated rights as required by circumstances, but at the same they wish to make it clear that they were not responsible for initiating these acts of violent aggression which undoubtedly threaten

the peace of the whole continent. I would also request you to inform the representatives of the States members of the OAS of the contents of this cable.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Francisco José GUERRERO  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador"

At the same time, my Government has instructed me to ask you to communicate the text of the foregoing message to the members of the Security Council and to the representatives of States Members of the United Nations by circulating this communication as a Security Council document.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Felipe VEGA-GOMEZ  
Charge d'Affaires a.i. of El Salvador  
to the United Nations

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