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In a letter forwarded to UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar Nov. 26 by Nicaraguan Ambassador to the UN, Nora Astorga, Managua alerted the UN to the concentration of US Navy forces off that country's Atlantic coast. The letter stated that on Oct. 19, US Navy ships were positioned less than 100 km. southeast of Puerto Cabezas, and that the range of artillery installed on such ships was adequate for attacks on targets inside Nicaraguan territory. The Nicaraguan diplomat also stated that the US warships remained in waters east of Bluefields and Puerto Cabezas until the end of October. Astorga claimed such actions constitute preparation for new and greater aggressions against Nicaragua.

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