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THE FOLLOWING PRESS COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED MARCH 21, 1961, BY
THE INTER-AMERICAN PEACE COMMITTEE IN HUASPAN, NICARAGUA

The following communique was issued March 21, 1961 (reissued in Washington, D.C. March 24, 1961) by the Inter-American Peace Committee in Huaspan, Nicaragua:

"From the village of Huaspan, Nicaragua, the Inter-American Peace Committee reports that it has visited the Rio Coco border zone with the purpose of helping the Governments of Honduras and Nicaragua in their efforts to carry to a happy ending the implementation of the arbitral decision of 23 December 1906.

"The Committee has had the opportunity to verify that the authorities of both countries are succeeding in reaching an agreement with reference to the points they had been discussing during the last few weeks. As a matter of fact, the Inter-American Peace Committee leaves the territory and returns to Washington with the conviction that both the Governments of Honduras and Nicaragua have overcome the main causes of disagreement.

"The Honduras-Nicaragua Mixed Committee, presided by the Chairman of the Inter-American Peace Committee, will remain in the Rio Coco zone. It will soon go to Managua and Tegucigalpa to help solve in a quick and friendly way all the differences of criteria which may arise.

"On leaving Central America, the Inter-American Peace Committee wishes to express to both the Honduras and Nicaraguan press its appreciation for the ample cooperation it has received from them, and sends fraternal greetings through them to the peoples of Honduras and Nicaragua."

(The Chairman of the Inter-American Peace Committee and of the Honduras-Nicaragua Mixed Committee is Ambassador Vicente Sánchez Gavito, Representative of Mexico in the Council of the Organization of American States)