

The following information from the Registry of the International Court of Justice is communicated to the Press:

In the case concerning the Arbitral Award made by the King of Spain on 23 December 1906 (Honduras v. Nicaragua), Nicaragua requested the extension by two months of the time-limit fixed for the filing of its Rejoinder, which was to expire on 3 November 1959. Following the consultation of the other Party, the Court, by an Order of 7 October 1959, has decided to extend to 4 January 1960 the time-limit for the filing of the Rejoinder.

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In the case concerning the Aerial Incident of 7 November 1954 (United States of America v. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), the Court, by an Order of 7 October 1959, has removed from its list the proceedings instituted by the United States of America by the Application of 8 June 1959.

In that Application, the Government of the United States had relied on Article 36, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the Court, which provides that the jurisdiction of the Court comprises all cases which the Parties refer to it. The United States stated that they submitted to the Court's jurisdiction for the purposes of this case and indicated that it was open to the Government of the USSR to do the same: the Court's jurisdiction would thus be confirmed and the Court could then adjudicate.

The Application of the Government of the United States had been communicated to the Government of the USSR on the same day as it was filed. From the reply received from this Government, it appears that it is not prepared to accept the jurisdiction of the Court in the case. Having noted this situation, the Court has ordered the removal of the case from its list.

The Hague, 9 October 1959