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At a Sept. 29 press briefing in Washington, State Department deputy press secretary Charles Redman said that no US government funding or personnel have been involved in the construction of an airstrip in Costa Rica near the Nicaraguan border. Press reports had indicated the air strip may be used for supplying contra armies. Earlier in the week, Costa Rican officials had told reporters that that US funding and army personnel were involved in the construction and expansion of the airstrip on the Pacific coast, some 30 km. from the Nicaraguan border near the Murcielago military base. (See CAU, 10/1/86.)

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