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On Oct. 15, the US Ambassador to Panama was presented with an official protest at the Panamanian Foreign Ministry by Foreign Minister Jorge Abadia and National Assembly chairman Ovidio Dias. The protest result of a legislative resolution was aimed at a decision by the US Senate authorizing the CIA to investigate "illegal activities" committed by persons connected to Panamanian government bureaucracies and banks. The document stated that discussion of Panamanian government affairs in the US Senate constituted a violation of the norms of international law and of basic principles of relations between sovereign nations. Accusations of illegal activities issued by certain members of the US Senate, said the document, were described as interference in Panamanian domestic affairs.

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