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As reported by Cuban news agency PRENSA LATINA, on Oct. 28 two dynamite explosions occurred in the offices of the US armed forces in Puerto Rico, while eight more bombs were defused in several different locations on the island. The local press reported that the clandestine organizations claiming responsibility for the bombings said they were in protest of plans by the US military to train Nicaraguan contras in Puerto Rico. A police spokesperson said one of the bombs exploded in a US Army recruitment center in Fajardo municipality, while the other explosion occurred in front of the headquarters of the Army Reserve staff building in the Buchanan district of San Juan, the capital city. Police reported that bombs were also discovered in US military offices and the Rio Piedras and Santurce areas of San Juan, and in Guayama and Cayey municipalities. Five additional bomb devices were defused in US federal offices in the northwestern city of Aguadilla.

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