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At a Dec. 20 meeting with industrial workers in Managua, Vice President Sergio Ramirez said 1987 will be a key year in the fight against the contras. Moreover, direct US military intervention in Nicaragua, he said, cannot be ruled out. "The main problem," he said, "continues to be with the US. [Washington] can further escalate...the threat of intervention, now that the White House's immorality is being discovered in the wake of the current political scandal." As regards Honduras, Ramirez stated that Washington will continue in its attempts to push that government into conflicts with Nicaragua. "Our goal for next year will be to strike harder at the counter-revolutionaries," he said. "Actions against the contras will be aimed at taking away their capacity for initiative and extending their strategic defeat." Meanwhile, said Ramirez, Nicaragua will continue promoting peace initiatives through negotiations.

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