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On Feb. 14 the Nicaraguan Chamber of Commerce elected confessed CIA collaborator, Guillermo Quant Tai, as vice president. Arrested on Aug. 19, 1986, by state security personnel on suspicion of passing strategic information on civilian and military targets to CIA personnel at the US Embassy in Managua, Quant Tai was convicted by the Anti-Somocista Peoples Court. He is currently serving a 30-year prison sentence. During his trial, Quant Tai publicly admitted recruitment by the CIA and provided details of how he was compensated for his services which included frequent trips to the US and cash payments. Chamber membership has reportedly been falling due to the loss of confidence by private businesspersons in its leadership. The recent meeting was attended by only 10 persons. Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo, a vocal critic of the Sandinista regime, attended the meeting to provide his blessing.

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