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According to the Associated Press and the New York Times, on the evening of Sept. 30, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega announced that a month-long unilateral cease-fire in three departments would get underway Oct. 7. He said offensive operations by the Sandinista army are to be suspended in Jinotega, Nueva Segovia and Zelaya departments, located in the northern and Atlantic coastal areas of the country. In contrast, the Agence France Presse reported that Ortega said the cease-fire would begin Oct. 5 at 12 a.m. local time, to continue until Nov. 5. The president said the cease-fire would be extended, "depending on results." (Basic data from AFP, 09/30/87; AP, TIMES, 10/01/87)

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