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On Dec. 6, a plane piloted by US citizen James Jordan Denby was shot down over Nicaraguan territory by a Nicaraguan navy unit. (See CAU 12/09/87 for details.) Denby reportedly began his flight in Honduras. According to National Public Radio, Denby told reporters in interviews last summer that he had participated in gunrunning for the contras and had ferried out wounded contras to Costa Rica. He also said he had several hundred contras on his ranch in Costa Rica. Next, Denby reportedly boasted to former contra collaborator Steven Carr of his close ties to the National Security Council and of receiving thousands of dollars from the CIA. He claimed, however, that he was not a CIA operative. [Basic data from 12/08/87 newsbrief, Nicaragua Network (2025 I St. NW, #1117, Washington DC 20006)]

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