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After a meeting on March 27 in Managua with members of a special United Nations mission, President Daniel Ortega told reporters that the border with Honduras must be "stabilized," because the US could continue provoking further conflicts. The UN mission was charged with investigating the events surrounding Washington's deployment of 3,200 troops in Honduras on March 16. Ortega said that the US could further step up its military presence in Honduras to threaten Nicaragua, and thus endanger the cease-fire agreement signed with the contras in Sapoa last week. The president stated that calm prevailed when UN commission members arrived at the border area, although they noticed planes dropping supplies at contra camps in Honduran territory. Commission members were Brazilian Gilberto Schilleter- Silva, Alexander Martinovic of Peru, and two Uruguayan Army majors, Jose Viggiano and Eduardo Gorgitano. (Basic data from Prensa Latina, 03/27/88)

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