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1981-1983: Funding was taken from existing covert action programs with no formal requests sent to Congress. Actual amounts spent remain in dispute. 1984: Reagan administration requested \$21 million; Congress approved \$24 million. 1985: Administration requested \$14 million in military aid; Congress approved \$27 million in "non-lethal aid" for FY 1986. 1986: Administration requested \$100 million (FY 1987), approved by Congress. 1987: Administration requested \$270 million (FY 1988); Congress approved \$20.7 million in non-lethal aid. 1988: Administration requested \$36 million (including \$3.6 million in military aid); Congress approved \$47.9 million in non-lethal aid. (Sources: Congressional Quarterly and Facts on File. From Knight-Ridder, 04/01/88)

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