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On June 25, Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo announced the resignation of Interior Minister Juan Rodil, effective July 15. Rodil, said Cerezo, resigned to pursue "personal activities." The president told reporters that he hopes Rodil will continue working with the government because he is "efficient and loyal." Rodil became a frequent target of criticism from certain sectors of the military. He was accused of having designed a plan that would strengthen police forces to the detriment of the army, by a clandestine group called "Officers of the Mountains." Rodil denied the charges. Cerezo also announced that Alfonso Cabrera would be leaving his post as Minister of Foreign Relations to run for the presidency in 1990 on the Christian Democrat Party ticket. (Basic data from Excelsior, 06/25/88)

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