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On Jan. 10, during a meeting with President-elect George Bush in Washington, Honduran President Jose Azcona Hoyo requested a rapid political solution that would permit the removal of the approximately 12,500 contras from Honduran territory. The president said his government had always endorsed the notion that the contras are "the product of the lack of democracy in Nicaragua." However, he continued, "in any case, [the contras] are a problem for Honduras and we feel that the solution must be a rapid one, must be promoted inside Nicaragua." During his three-day official visit in Washington, Azcona Hoyo was scheduled to meet with officials of the Reagan and Bush administrations. (Basic data from Notimex, 01/11/89)

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