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On March 16, the Nicaraguan government announced plans to free from prison 1,894 former members of the National Guard on March 17, two days ahead of schedule, to demonstrate its compliance with the Feb. 14 summit agreement. Commander Alvaro Guzman, chief of the National Penitentiary System, said the prisoners were to be released during a ceremony Friday morning at the Jorge Navarro Penal Rehabilitation Center in Tipitapa, 14 miles east of Managua. Local newspapers reported that prisoners' family members, and Organization of American States Secretary General Joao Baena Soares are to attend the ceremony. (Basic data from AP, 03/16/89)

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