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On March 28, a Nicaraguan delegation headed by domestic opposition party leader Mauricio Diaz, arrived in Tegucigalpa with the objective of negotiating the release of prisoners taken by the contra army. Diaz met with President Jose Azcona Hoyo. According to a delegation member, Managua Bishop Juan Abelardo Mata Guevara, the Nicaraguans were not permitted to visit the contra camps. On the same day, contra leaders proposed that talks on prisoner release with the National Reconciliation Commission be held in Managua. The number of prisoners held by the contra army is unclear. Depending on the source, the total ranges from 1,000 to 12,000. (Basic data from Xinhua, 03/29/89)

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