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On April 29, Costa Rican newspaper La Republica reported that Nicaraguan air force flight engineer, Jesus Ferrey Alvarado, had requested political asylum from Costa Rican authorities. The newspaper said Ferrey Alvarado, a specialist in Soviet-built MI-17 troop transport helicopters, sailed a small boat to Costa Rica's Playa Rajada. Costa Rican civil guard and immigration authorities could not be reached by AP for comment. On April 21, Nicaraguan air force Capt. Reinaldo Aranda Guido piloted a small plane owned by a freight company from Nicaragua's Corn Island to Puerto Limon on Costa Rica's Atlantic coast. He also requested asylum. (Basic data from AP, 04/30/89)

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