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According to a report appearing in the New York Times (05/04/89), the US and Nicaragua have "quietly resumed granting visas for diplomatic personnel." Acting spokesperson for the US Embassy in Managua, Lois Mervyn, said visas were approved this week to three Nicaraguan diplomats who plan to take positions at Managua's Embassy in Washington. In a separate interview with the Times, Nicaraguan officials said they would soon grant a visa to permit replacement of the US military attache in Managua, who is approaching the end of his tour of duty. The granting of diplomatic visas was halted in July 1988 when US Ambassador to Nicaragua, Richard Melton, and seven other US diplomats were accused of fomenting opposition to the Nicaraguan government, and expelled. The US followed suit, expelling Nicaragua's Ambassador to the US and seven other Nicaraguan diplomats.

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