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On June 10, in a statement sent to US Secretary of State James Baker, Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel d’Escoto called on the US to cease its "terrorist policy" against Nicaragua, and practice respect for the self- determination of Central American nations. The statement denounced "terrorist acts perpetrated by mercenary groups at the service of your government." D’Escoto said that on June 8 contras attacked a hydroelectric plant, located 16 km. from Jinotega, with rifle fire, rocket launchers and mortars, resulting in material damage and one injured person. The minister continued by asserting that Washington continues a state terrorist policy which includes violations of international law condemned by the International Court of Justice. The US government, he said, persists in ignoring the contras' obligation to cease all military and paramilitary actions against Nicaragua. Reports from Managua on the morning of June 10 indicated that one of the water intake channels had been damaged, and that electricity was restored in Jinotega department 10 hours after the attack. (Basic data from Notimex, Xinhua, 06/10/89)

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