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On June 14, members of the Association of National Security Alumni (ANSA) asked Congress to pass legislation barring covert CIA intervention in Nicaragua's 1990 presidential elections. David MacMichael, Washington ANSA director, said, "Our members are familiar with the means which the Agency has used throughout its history, including Nicaragua in 1984, to distort electoral processes in order to achieve results desired by the United States." ANSA members are former agents of the CIA, the FBI and other US intelligence agencies. In a letter to Anthony Beilenson, chairperson of the House permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, MacMichael urged Bielenson to join three other congresspersons who are supporting a legal ban on US intervention in the Nicaraguan elections. "In every instance, use of such methods has discredited the United States, delegitimized the government or leaders who gain office with such aid, and, at the very least, has brought the democratic process into disrepute," MacMichael said. MacMichael urged the US government to offer its "full cooperation with the United Nations and the Organization of American States in their monitoring of the Nicaraguan... elections." (Basic data from AFP, 06/14/89)