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The National Assembly's Permanent Human Rights Commission announced June 15 that three of the 39 former Guardsmen remaining in prison after the March 17 mass release would be freed the following day. In March, a total 1,894 former members of Somoza's National Guard received pardons and were released from penitentiaries. Cesar Augusto Castillo, deputy of the Democratic Conservative Party (PCD) told Notimex that the former colonels Silvio Mayorga, Guadalupe Pineda and Miguel Cordero would be released Friday morning for health reasons. He added that the men could not leave the country in accordance with a ruling handed down by criminal court Judge Roger Montenegro. The authorities opted to release the three prisons following requests to do so by Vilma Nunez, president of the governmental National Commission for Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. (Basic data from Notimex, 06/16/89)

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