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In Tegucigalpa on July 14, Asst. Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, Bernard Aaronson said the US supports the Esquipulas II peace accords, but will continue providing aid for the contras as long as Nicaragua does not fulfill its commitments. Aaronson met for two hours with President Jose Azcona Hoyo, Foreign Minister Carlos Lopez Contreras, and armed forces chief Gen. Humberto Regalado Hernandez. Aaronson also toured El Salvador, Costa Rica and Guatemala last week. At an interview following the meeting, Aaronson told reporters that Nicaragua must meet the following conditions: first, democratization; second, prohibition of the use of its territory in promoting subversion or aggression against neighboring countries; and, three, promoting conditions that permit members of the resistance to return to Nicaragua with guaranteed political and social rights. (Basic data from Notimex, 07/14/89)

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