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On July 21, the Costa Rican Council of Government, headed by President Oscar Arias, declared former US ambassador Lewis Tambs and former National Security Council aide Oliver North persona non grata. In a report released July 20, a Costa Rican congressional commission on the drug trade implicated Tambs and North and three other Reagan administration officials in drug trafficking. The five were accused of setting up a secret contra supply network that also served as a conduit for smuggling large quantities of drugs into the US between 1984 and 1986. The Council also ordered Costa Rican immigration officials to expel John Hull, a rancher who holds US and Costa Rican citizenship. The report said Hull played a role in creating the contra supply network which was "turned into an organization to transport arms for the Nicaraguan resistance and drugs for the US market." By the next day, local and foreign news media had reported that Hull had "disappeared." The Council of Government is comprised of the president, cabinet members and other high-level government officials. (Basic data from AFP, Prensa Latina, 07/22/89)

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