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On Aug. 14, President Daniel Ortega met with Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo to request the assistance of the Catholic Church in the regional plan to demobilize, repatriate or relocate the Nicaraguan contra forces. Ortega told reporters that he had asked the Church to work with a United Nations commission with the objective of reintegrating the contras into the country's social and political life. The cardinal said that the government's request would be considered at the next meeting of the Nicaraguan Episcopal Conference. (Basic data from Xinhua, 08/15/89)

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