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On June 26, Netherlands Antilles Prime Minister Maria Peters de Liberia told reporters she had requested Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez to consider providing technical assistance in developing Curacao's electrical and potable water programs. An alternate form of generating electricity and water, she said, "could lower the high cost of living" in the Netherlands Antilles. On the first day of an official visit to Caracas, Peters de Liberia met with top officials of the state-owned Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA), which leases a former Royal Dutch Shell refinery in Curacao, and with President Perez and Energy Minister Celestino Armas. Curacao, 160 km. north of Venezuela, is the largest island in the Netherlands Antilles, two self-governing groups of Caribbean islands which belong to the Kingdom of the Netherlands. (Basic data from AFP, 06/26/89)

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