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On Aug. 16 in Tegucigalpa, Col. Francisco Reyes, personnel chief of the 105th Military Brigade in San Pedro Sula, told reporters that several thousand US and Honduran troops will participate in joint maneuvers on Sept. 7-12. Both armies, he said, will use warships and military aircraft, and US troops based in Panama are to participate. According to Reyes, Honduran soldiers are to be trained in counterinsurgency, and interdiction of drugs and arms shipments to Salvadoran rebels. The exercises will take place in the southern departments of Choluteca and Valle along the Honduran border with Nicaragua and El Salvador and in the Atlantic coastal departments of Cortes, Colon and Gracias a Dios on the Honduran-Nicaraguan border. (Basic data from AFP, 08/16/89)

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