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At a military ceremony in Panama City on Aug. 22, Panamanian President Manuel Solis Palma said he may stay in office after his term ends Sept. 1 because the country's political crisis has not been resolved. With no successor, or provisional government likely to emerge before Sept. 1, Solis Palma said his continuity in office may become necessary in order to avoid deepening the political crisis. He added, "The constitution does not provide for any situation like the one we are facing in Panama." (Basic data from AFP, 08/22/89)

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