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On Aug. 18 in San Jose (Costa Rica), Nicaraguan Resistance leader Roberto Ferrey said he would return to Managua and join the National Opposition Union in a letter to Organization of American States secretary general Joao Baena Soares and Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo. Ferrey, a member of the contra political directorate since 1987, released a statement to the press saying he would return to Managua on Aug. 22. Ferrey did not return to Managua on Tuesday, but issued another statement in San Jose saying he would make the trip Aug. 25. He said that on his arrival, he would have to sign a statement pledging to "break with every armed group." Since signing such a statement part of the Nicaraguan government's amnesty program is not his own decision, Ferrey said it would not affect his relationship with the contras. (Basic data from AP, 08/18/89; AFP, 08/22/89)

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