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On Aug. 30, UN spokespersons announced that Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar had appointed US attorney Elliot Richardson as his personal representative for monitoring the Nicaraguan electoral process. Richardson, currently co-chair of the National Council of the United Nations Association of the United States (UNAUSA), served in the administrations of Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. Under the administration of President Jimmy Carter, he acted as Carter's special representative at the third UN conference on the law of the sea from 1977 to 1980. From 1980 until June 1989, Richardson chaired the UNAUSA. Richardson will make periodic visits to Nicaragua to oversee the UN monitoring team, and is to deliver evaluations to the Secretary General. Perez de Cuellar's deputy personal representative, Iqbal Riza, arrived in Managua on Aug. 21. He is to remain in Nicaragua throughout the electoral process. The UN monitoring operation consists of three phases, and will involve a team of delegates numbering over 120. The UN monitors are to work alongside other observer delegations from the Organization of American States and the European Parliament. (Basic data from Xinhua, 08/23/89, 08/25/89, 08/30/89)

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