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On Sept. 12 the Panamanian media reported that the government had lodged a formal protest with the Costa Rican authorities regarding the use of that country's territory as a base for transmission of slanderous radio broadcasts. Romero Villalobos, director of communications media for the Interior and Justice Ministry, was quoted as saying Panama's ambassador to Costa Rica, Dario Arosemena, presented the protest note in San Jose. The reports said Villalobos referred to Radio Impacto, an installation that has been used by the Nicaraguan contras. The radio station broadcasts news and commentary lambasting the Panamanian government. Villalobos said Panamanian security forces are investigating the source of various clandestine, anti-government radio broadcasts and radio interference which are believed to be supported by the US Southern Command. (Basic data from Xinhua, 09/12/89)

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