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On Sept. 14 in Washington, former Nicaraguan contra leader Alfredo Cesar told reporters that the presence of observers from the US, Latin America and Europe is necessary to ensure that the February 1990 elections in Nicaragua are conducted freely and fairly. Cesar recently returned to Nicaragua, and joined the Social Democratic Party, one of 14 political groups under the National Opposition Union (UNO). UNO presidential candidate, Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, is scheduled to address 15,000 Nicaraguan exiles in Miami on Sept. 17. Her topic will be national reconciliation. Cesar said UNO needs money, but that he and other UNO leaders did not come to Washington seeking funds. Meanwhile, the Bush administration is considering a $3 million contribution to the Barrios de Chamorro campaign. (Basic data from AFP, 09/14/89)

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