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On Aug. 17, Radio Haiti Inter reported that a bomb exploded on the morning of Aug. 16 at the home of Gerard Philippe-Auguste, a former agriculture minister under ousted President Leslie Manigat. No one was injured, and damage minimal. Phillipe-Auguste told the radio station he had received anonymous telephone threats. His party, the Movement to Organize the Country, has been split by arguments over his leadership. Phillipe-Auguste ran against Manigat in the January 1988 elections. Manigat was removed from power in a military coup that brought Lt.Gen. Henri Namphy to power in June 1988. In September last year, Namphy was ousted by a coup bringing current president, Lt.Gen. Prosper Avril, to power. (Basic data from AP, 08/17/89)

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