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On Nov. 3, Nicaragua's ambassador to the Organization of American States, Carlos Tunnerman, resigned. In July 1988, Tunnermann, who was serving as Nicaraguan ambassador to the US and the OAS, was forced to leave Washington. His obligatory departure was the result of the expulsion of US ambassador to Nicaragua, Richard Melton, from Managua. The Nicaraguan government accused Melton and other US diplomats of intervention in Nicaragua's domestic affairs, among other infractions. Tunnermann argued that Washington had no jurisdiction to expel him from the United States in his capacity as ambassador to the OAS, which is based in Washington. Although certain OAS diplomats reportedly agreed with Tunnermann's perspective on the matter, he was not permitted to return to the US to carry out his duties as OAS ambassador. (Basic data from Notimex, 11/03/89)

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