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In statements to reporters on Nov. 18, Attorney General Ambrosio Rodriguez said that the Chilean government may request from Washington $200 million to partially compensate for losses to fruit growers and exporters. Earlier this year in Philadelphia, inspectors found poison in two grapes of a Chilean shipment. Subsequently, the international market was virtually closed to Chilean fruit exports, resulting in huge losses. The US government will be requested to make compensation, said Rodriguez, if an ongoing investigation finds that the poison was injected into the fruit in the United States. There is reportedly some evidence that the poisoning did take place in the US, rather than in Chile. (Basic data from Notimex, 11/18/89)

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