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On May 28, US forces returned part of Fort Amador to Panamanian control after occupying it since the December invasion. Located on a strip of land at the Pacific entrance to the Canal, the fort housed former Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega's main offices and was occupied jointly by US and Panamanian forces. At the transfer ceremony, President Guillermo Endara said the Panamanian portion of Fort Amador would be converted to a tourist site. US forces will remain in the other part. The president said that on May 31, the Rio Hato military base located southeast of Panama City will revert to Panamanian control. (Basic data from AP, 05/28/90; Xinhua, 05/29/90)

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