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On June 25, local press sources reported that President Vinicio Cerezo said there will be no military spending hikes, nor increases in troop strength. Cerezo's announcement apparently came in response to statements calling for more troops by Defense Minister Juan Jose Bolanos Chavez following a June 16-17 Central American summit meeting in Antiguas, Guatemala. Cerezo and counterparts discussed weapons and military troop limitation and reduction levels and mechanisms. (Basic data from Xinhua, 06/26/90)

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