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According to Gen. Felix Santoni, second-ranking officer at the US Southern Command, US troops stationed in Honduras spent \$44.4 million in Honduras in 1989. Santoni spoke to troops and reporters at a June 16 ceremony dedicating a section of highway in Yoro department constructed by the US Army's Bravo Force troops, stationed at the Palmerola air base, Comayagua department. Of the total, said the general, \$14.9 million went to fuel purchases, and \$11.9 million toward "investments." Roadway construction by US troops in Honduras, initiated in 1983, will continue for another year. The objective of the roadway project is to link the Caribbean Castilla basin, Colon department, with Atlantida, Yoro, Olancho and Gracias y Dios departments. Every year 5,000 US soldiers are rotated in and out of Honduras to work on the roadway construction project. The soldiers also participate in military exercises. (Basic data from Notimex, 06/16/90)

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