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On July 12, at the request of the Panamanian government, 11 Cuban diplomats returned to Havana. In the first week of July, the Foreign Ministry gave most of the Cuban embassy's personnel 10 days to leave the country, result of the Cuban government's "repeated and systematic hostile conduct." Earlier in the week, five Cuban diplomats left Panama. The 11 who departed on Thursday were the last of the Cuban diplomatic corps expelled by the Panamanian government. Permitted to remain are Arnaldo Molina, in charge of business affairs; commercial attache Oscar Braulio Gutierrez; economic attache Guillermo Mendez, and Cuban consul Jose Luis Menendez. (Basic data from Notimex, 07/12/90)

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