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## **Vice President Godoy Says Nicaragua Has Made No Economic Progress Due To Scarcity Of Foreign Aid**

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On Aug. 1, Vice President Virgilio Godoy told foreign correspondents in Managua that Nicaragua has made no economic progress since April 25 due to the scarcity of foreign aid. The US Congress has appropriated \$300 million in aid for Nicaragua, and at a conference in Italy in June donors pledged another \$125 million. However, as of Aug. 1, Managua had received only \$60 million from the US. Godoy complained that the donors have not demonstrated "great diligence" in terms of disbursing the promised aid monies. The vice president has been marginalized from government decision-making, apparently as a result of his public criticisms of other government officials. Among his targets is Presidency Minister Antonio Lacayo, accused of making deals and ideological affinity with leaders of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN). Lacayo recently asserted that Godoy has effectively excluded himself from the administration's decision-making process due to his apparent enthusiasm for extremist positions. (Basic data from Notimex, 08/01/90)

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