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On Aug. 9, daily newspaper La Prensa reported that Col. Javier Pichardo Ramirez had been dismissed from his post as commander of the Nicaraguan air force, and thus, from the military joint chiefs of staff. News of his dismissal was delivered by army commander-in-chief Gen. Humberto Ortega. In a communique, the army's public relations office confirmed that Pichardo had been relieved of his post Aug. 8. On the same day, Col. Manuel Salvatierra Rivera was appointed air force commander. Salvatierra served as military chief of Region 6, comprised of Matagalpa and Jinotega departments. (Basic data from Notimex, EFE, 08/09/90)

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