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## **Former President Ortega Travels To U.S. To Seek Financial Support For Nicaragua**

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On Aug.12, former president Daniel Ortega began a four- day tour in the US to raise funds for Nicaragua to be distributed through his party, the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN). Ortega was accompanied by former foreign minister Miguel D'Escoto. Ortega was scheduled for interviews with the editors of 16 major US newspapers concerning his role in the peace process and democratization in Nicaragua, and for meetings with representatives of 3,000 solidarity organizations that support the FSLN, as well as religious leaders and scholars. In statements to reporters shortly before his departure, Ortega said the interviews will consist of detailed explanations of the present status of the FSLN as opposition party. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 08/12/90; Notimex, 08/12/90)

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