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In a Sept. 17 communique, the National Private Enterprise Council (CONEP) said that an estimated 2,100 Panamanian businesses plan to demand reparations from the US government for damages incurred during the December invasion for a total of over \$432.1 million. CONEP stated that the US army failed to act to halt "the avalanche of looting and deliberately malicious destruction which inundated the business community..., causing virtual economic collapse." According to business owners, hundreds of plants and shops were partially or wholly destroyed in Panama and Colon provinces, resulting in damages totaling over \$1 billion. CONEP said that the US violated international conventions stipulating that an occupying army must protect lives and property of persons residing in the invaded country. US troops, said the communique, "should have exercised vigilance and effective protection to avoid or prevent acts of vandalism." At a press conference, Council president Jose Chirino said the plaintiffs' suits against the US government would be coordinated by the Ward and Meldenshon law firm (Washington). Two weeks ago, the Panamanian government requested "compensation" from the US for victims and losses caused by the invasion. (Basic data from AFP, ACAN-EFE, 09/17/90)

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