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On Sept. 27, Vice President Virgilio Godoy told a local radio station that he was acting president until Violeta Barrios de Chamorro returns next week from a trip to the US. President Chamorro had refused to delegate authority to Godoy on all previous departures from the country. Shortly after the president left Nicaragua on Sept. 27, Presidency Minister Antonio Lacayo was asked about Godoy's possible role as acting president. Lacayo said, "Dona Violeta Chamorro continues being the president in Nicaragua and outside of Nicaragua." Godoy asserted that he has no intention of entering the presidential house, where Chamorro has denied him an office. (Basic data from Notimex, 09/27/90)

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