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On Oct. 8, former president Nicholas Ardito Barletta denied receiving campaign contributions from members of the Panamanian Defense Forces. "At no time did I ever receive money from general [Manuel Antonio] Noriega or any other military officer," said Barletta. Several days ago, retired colonel Roberto Diaz Herrera, who fled to Venezuela in 1987 following an expose of Noriega's drug trafficking and money laundering activities, called on Barletta to clarify the sources of \$10 million spent in his campaign. Last week, Barletta presented receipts of campaign donations from national and international organizations in 1984 to a special prosecutor. (Basic data from Notimex, 10/08/90)

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