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On Nov. 8, in a unanimous vote members of the Costa Rican national congress approved creation of a special commission of four legislators to investigate the May 30, 1984, La Penca bombing, resulting in the deaths of three journalists, and serious injury to another 20 persons. The incident occurred at the camp of former Nicaraguan contra leader Eden Pastora (Commander Zero). A group of foreign journalists were on hand to interview Pastora and his followers. According to the Agence France Presse, it is widely believed that a CIA operative posing as a Dutch journalist (aka Anker Hanssen) planted the bomb. Several legislators asserted that the investigation would inevitably uncover connections between the contras and the Medellin drug mafia and other drug trafficking organizations, and on weapons and drug trafficking between the US and Central American countries. The commission is to submit a report to the Congress within six months. (Basic data from AFP, 11/09/90)

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