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On Nov. 29 in Madrid, Presidency Minister Antonio Lacayo met with Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez to discuss plans for economic cooperation. The Spanish government has agreed to contribute \$5 million to help retire 5,000 Nicaraguan army officers. Lacayo said the army will be reduced to 27,000 soldiers, making it Central America's smallest force. (Basic data from AFP, 11/29/90)

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