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On Dec. 4, the Interior Ministry confirmed a newspaper report that John Hull, who is wanted in Costa Rica on charges related to the Iran-contra scandal, established residence in Nicaragua two months ago. Hull, who holds US and Costa Rican citizenship, owns large tracts of land near the Nicaraguan border. His ranch was used in clandestine supply operations for Nicaraguan contras. In 1989, Hull fled to the US to escape prosecution on charges related to drug and arms trafficking to and from his ranch, and a May 1984 bombing at La Penca, Nicaragua, which caused the deaths of several journalists. Hull lives in the city of Juigalpa, located about 200 km. southeast of Managua. On Dec. 5, Costa Rican Foreign Minister Bernd Niehaus told reporters that his government is "examining possibilities" for Hull's extradition. (Basic data from AFP, 12/04/90, 12/05/90)

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