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On Dec. 13, Presidency Minister Antonio Lacayo told reporters that Washington had released another \$20 million of the \$300 million in economic aid allocated for 1990. After noting that the US has been extremely slow in releasing the aid, Lacayo said that perhaps Nicaraguans are being told "to put our economy in order so that within a few years they will no longer need to continue helping us." According to Lacayo, nearly all of the US aid was being used to pay Venezuela for oil imported from June to the present, a sum of \$80 million. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 12/13/90)

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