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On Jan. 30, Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Enrique Dreyfus announced that the Salvadoran rebels had agreed to return 28 surface-to-air missiles purchased illegally from Sandinista army officers in October, 1990. In a broadcast by Radio Farabundo Marti on Jan. 31, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) confirmed plans to return the SAMs. The rebels reported that the decision was adopted at a secret meeting with Nicaraguan officials on Wednesday. Also on Wednesday, daily newspaper Barricada (Managua) reported that the FMLN had decided to return the missiles to the Nicaraguan army result of pressure by the Soviet government. (Basic data from AFP, ACAN-EFE, 01/30/91, 01/31/91)

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