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In a May 21 report, Witness For Peace (WFP) estimated that 500 persons kidnapped by the former contras have not returned to their homes, and are presumed missing. WFP volunteers reviewed 107 abduction incidents previously documented by the organization, and conducted over 300 interviews to determine the present location and circumstances of the kidnapping victims. WFP confirmed that most of the 107 returned to their homes before the contras demobilized. A minority of the victims decided to remain with their captors, and had returned to Nicaragua at the time of contra demobilization last year. Of the 107 cases, 29 remain unaccounted for. In addition to reviewing the 107 cases, WFP volunteers documented another 33 cases of persons kidnapped by the contras whose whereabouts are unknown. [Basic data from 05/21/91 report by Witness for Peace (Washington, DC)]

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