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In an Aug. 3 broadcast, Radio Primerisima reported that President Violeta Chamorro approved a US-funded national civilian disarmament program in March. Under the program, civilians receive cash for delivering weapons to government officials. An estimated 100,000 weapons remain in civilian hands. According to the radio report, payment by weapon type is as follows: anti-aircraft rockets, \$3,000; mortars, \$500; automatic rifles, \$100; submachine guns, \$75; and, pistols, \$50. (Basic data from AFP, 08/03/91)

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