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On Sept. 3, Interior Minister Carlos Hurtado met with recontra leader Jose Angel Roman ("Indomable") in San Rafael del Norte, Jinotega department. Other participants included Eddy Monterrey, representative of Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo; members of the Organization of American States' (OAS) International Support and Verification Committee (CIAV); and, members of the Civic Resistance Association, which represents demobilized former contras. Recontra leaders "Tigrillo," "Bolivar," "Bigote de Oro" and "Dimas Tigrillo," sent a letter explaining that their absence was due to "internal problems." In statements to reporters on Sept. 4, Hurtado said he obtained a promise from "Indomable" that his men would avoid military confrontation as long as negotiations continue. In addition, the recontra leader agreed to stand trial in the case of an army captain killed in July after the government and recontras reached an agreement. (Basic data from AFP, Prensa Latina, 09/03/91; ACAN-EFE, 09/03/91, 09/04/91)

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