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On Sept. 5, Presidency Minister Antonio Lacayo told reporters that the "recontras" are receiving financial support from Nicaraguan expatriates based in Miami, Florida. Lacayo said the expatriates "wish to replace the current government with something that would return [Nicaragua] to pre-1979 conditions." According to Lacayo, the exiles interpret the 1990 elections as defeat of the Sandinistas by the counter-revolution. However, said the minister, the real winner was "the electoral system," since February 1990 marked the first time in Nicaragua that the ruling party participated in free and fair elections. (Basic data from AFP, ACAN-EFE, 09/05/91)

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