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On Sept. 5, Presidency Minister Antonio Lacayo told reporters that President Violeta Barrios de Chamorro will partially veto legislation approved by the National Assembly which authorizes the return to former owners of selected property confiscated by the Sandinista government. According to Lacayo, the legislation in its current form contradicts the constitution on several points. The legislation was approved by the National Assembly on Aug. 23, subsequent to a walk-out by Sandinista party delegates. According to Lacayo, the veto is also justified by the fact that the legislation calls another round of expropriation. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 09/05/91, 09/06/91; 09/08/91 report by Nicaragua Solidarity Network of Greater New York)

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