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On Oct. 7, a mission from the Inter-American Defense Council, a branch of the Organization of American States (OAS), arrived in Managua to assist the Sandinista Popular Army (EPS) in efforts to deactivate and remove an estimated 7,000 land mines. The mines were planted along the Costa Rican and Honduran borders during the contra war. During a five-day visit, the Council mission planned to conduct on-site observations to assess technical requirements to complete the deactivation and removal operations. (Basic data from AFP, ACAN-EFE, 10/07/91)

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