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On Oct. 19, armed forces chief Gen. Luis Alonso Discua met with Honduran officials who have criticized US Ambassador Cresencio Arcos for intervening in domestic affairs. Following the July murder and rape of Riccy Mabel Martinez, Arcos openly called for prosecution of military personnel implicated in the crime. The ambassador was reportedly instrumental in pressuring the government into prosecution of officer suspects. More recently, Arcos was quoted as saying that the government had failed to adopt sufficient measures to reduce its fiscal deficit. The budget deficit is projected at US\$375 million in 1992. (Basic data from AFP, 10/19/91)

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