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In an Oct. 26 communique, the Foreign Ministry reported that US troops stationed in the Canal Zone would carry out maneuvers over the next four days. The war games including naval, infantry and assault exercises are to be concentrated in an 80 km. area of inland waterway between Panama and Colon departments. The Agence France-Presse cited an unidentified member of the Democratic Revolutionary Party (PRD) as saying that US forces have conducted at least 18 separate sets of war games since Jan. 1 this year. The opposition party member asserted that US troop movements "expand [US] occupation" of Panama and are in violation of the 1977 Canal treaties. (Basic data from AFP, 10/26/91)

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