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On Nov. 26, Managua municipal government spokespersons told reporters that Mayor Arnoldo Aleman and his counterpart in Miami, Florida, Pedro Reboredo, had signed a sister-city agreement. As a "gesture of solidarity," Reboredo donated 22 garbage trucks to the city of Managua, along with over 600 garbage containers and 1,100 street lights. Part of the donation will replace municipal property destroyed in violent incidents on Nov. 9-10. An estimated 100,000 Nicaraguan nationals moved to Miami after the overthrow of the Somoza government in 1979. Despite a package of government-sponsored incentives, only a few hundred have returned to Nicaragua since President Violeta Chamorro was installed in April 1990. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 11/26/91)

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