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On Dec. 3, Nicaraguan deputy foreign minister Ernesto Leal told reporters that his government plans to request the participation of Honduras and Costa Rica in deactivating about 30,000 land mines located on Nicaragua's northern and southern borders. The mines were planted during the 1980s along infiltration routes used by contra forces based in the two neighboring countries. Managua is currently working through the Organization of American States (OAS) to obtain technical assistance. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 12/03/91)

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