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On Feb. 11, US Ambassador to El Salvador William Walker told reporters that he was being transferred. Walker said the Bush administration would seek to avoid deportation of between 800,000 to 1 million Salvadorans living in the US. He added that the US government would seek to resolve the "refugee issue" in other ways. At a press conference on Feb. 13, Walker confirmed that he will be replaced by Michael Kozak. Kozak served as deputy assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs under the Reagan and Bush administrations, and led the unsuccessful attempt to negotiate the removal of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega as de facto ruler of Panama. (Basic data from Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias-Spanish news service EFE, 02/11/92; Agence France-Presse, 02/13/92)

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