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## **Nicaragua: Cesar Claims Foreign Governments Want Confiscated Property Returned To Former Owners**

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On Feb. 13 at a press conference in Managua, National Assembly president Alfredo Cesar asserted that the US, and several European and Latin American nations have conditioned foreign aid to Nicaragua on the return of property confiscated by the Sandinista regime to former owners. Cesar declined to specify the "several European and Latin American nations." Cesar said he plans to meet with members of the US Congress in Washington on Feb. 24 in order to persuade them to drop conditionality because Nicaragua desperately needs foreign aid for economic recovery. Next, Cesar said that in March a new "property bill" will be introduced for debate in the National Assembly. The bill is being developed by the Superior Council of Private Enterprise (COSEP) and an organization of individuals whose property was confiscated prior to April 1990 (Asociacion de Confiscados). (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 02/13/92)

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