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On Sept. 9, President Guillermo Endara formally rejected a petition for amnesty submitted by the Democratic Revolutionary Party (Partido Revolucionario Democratico, PRD). The petition sought amnesty for 54 former civilian and military officials of the Noriega regime currently serving prison terms for diverse charges related to human rights violations. In statements to local reporters, Endara said "I don't see how there can be an amnesty for people accused of murder, torture, and human rights violations, or for those responsible for shutting down the media." (Source: Agence France-Presse, 09/09/92)

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