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On Sept. 22, in Washington, former Nicaraguan Resistance (RN, contras) leader Bosco Matamoros told reporters President Violeta Chamorro has lost legitimacy and should resign her post if she feels incapable of bringing the current political crisis under control. Matamoros is co-founder, along with former RN leader Aristedes Sanchez, of the Oposicion Democratica coalition. Matamoros indicated that the best alternative for Chamorro would be formation of a government of national unity, with representation of all sectors of society. Next, in a story which appeared in the Washington Post, Matamoros lashed out against corruption in the Chamorro administration and called on the US government to maintain its suspension of economic assistance to Managua until completion of investigations against public officials accused of corruption. Matamoros accused State Department officials of lobbying congressional representatives in order to secure release of the suspended aid. (Source: Spanish news service EFE, 09/22/92)

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