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On Dec. 4, Interior Minister Carlos Saavedra said the US government is willing to extend the Dec. 30 deadline for eradication of 7,000 ha. of coca plantations. Upon completion of the eradication effort, La Paz will receive US\$22 million in aid from Washington for anti-narcotics activities. US Ambassador to Bolivia Richard Bowers said bilateral cooperation on the drug front over the last two years "has been very positive." According to Saavedra, in the past two years Bolivian authorities have arrested 18 major traffickers, and seized 30 metric tons of cocaine. (Source: Spanish news service EFE, 12/04/91)

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