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NICARAGUA COUNTERED U.S. claims of a Soviet-Cuban buildup there.

Sandinista official Jaime Wheelock said Washington has exaggerated Soviet and Cuban assistance to Nicaragua, and he accused the U.S. of launching a campaign to oust his government and make the nation "another Chile." Secretary of State Haig wouldn't comment on a report that Reagan approved a CIA plan to destabilize Nicaragua's leftist government. Wheelock alluded to the alleged plan last week, and told UN diplomats he feared a U.S.-backed attack from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador.

Haig told a Senate subcommittee that strife in El Salvador is part of a "global" problem caused by Cuban and Soviet adventurism.