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1. THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ) THIS AFTERNOON GAVE ITS INITIAL RULING ON THE CASE BETWEEN NICARAGUA AND THE US. ACCORDING TO THE ICJ'S 'UNOFFICIAL' COMMUNIQUE, THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THIS RULING WERE:

- (I) UNANIMOUS REJECTION OF THE US REQUEST THAT THE CASE BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST.
 - (II) A UNANIMOUS DECISION THAT THE US MUST STOP LAYING MINES AROUND NICARAGUAN PORTS.
 - (III) A DECISION BY 14 TO ONE (AN AMERICAN) THAT THE US MUST FULLY RESPECT NICARAGUA'S SOVEREIGNTY AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE WHICH SHOULD NOT BE THREATENED BY ANY MILITARY OR PARAMILITARY ACTIVITY.
2. THE ICJ HAS ALSO ADVISED BOTH PARTIES NOT TO 'AGGRAVATE OR EXTEND THE DISPUTE' PENDING ITS FINAL RULING.
3. FURTHER DETAILS FOLLOW BY BAG.

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