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On Sept. 30 the West German government confirmed it is considering the possibility of providing financial aid, training and equipment to police forces in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala, as well as expanding cooperation with the Costa Rican police. Interior Minister Carl Dieter Spranger described the donation of police vehicles to Guatemala as "symbolic." Spranger told the local and foreign press in Bonn that the governments of Honduras and El Salvador had expressed willingness to receive assistance. The minister concluded a tour of the four Central American nations and the United States. The Guatemalan government received 100 police vehicles, mainly patrol units and motorcycles during Spranger's visit.

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