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On Oct. 16 Secretary of State George Shultz performed an eyewitness assessment of the damage caused by the earthquake in San Salvador. According to US Embassy spokespersons, Shultz toured the most heavily damaged locations. A press conference was scheduled for the evening. Cuban news agency PRENSA LATINA reported that unofficial sources indicated Shultz planned to speak with reporters in the small park facing the remains of the 10-story Ruben Dario commercial building. Because an estimated 500 persons remain under the debris of the building, rescue brigades are still working in the locale. Shultz was accompanied by a delegation of 50 persons, including the presidents of the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank.

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