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On Sept. 24, spokespersons for the Army Materiel and Weapons Service told reporters that approximately 50% of all Uruguayans own firearms and that half of all guns in private hands were brought into the country illegally and their owners do not have the required permits. The sources indicated that about 600,000 guns are legally registered in the country, while an estimated 600,000 guns are held without permits. (Source: Agence France-Presse, 09/24/92)

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