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On Nov. 19 in Mexico City, several exiled leaders of the Revolutionary Democratic Front (FDR) announced they plan to return to El Salvador under the auspices of the regional peace plan and pronouncements of the Salvadoran government on Nov. 23. Among other FDR leaders planning to enter the country are Guillermo Ungo, Ruben Zamora, Hector Oqueli and Hugo Navarrete. Oqueli told Prensa Latina that human rights abuses and the lack of civil rights in El Salvador peace accord not- wothstanding are far worse today than in Gen. Augusto Pinochet's Chile. Consequently, he said, the rebel leaders plan to enter the country accompanied by US citizens from Church groups and other organizations, and members of the Socialist International based in Europe and Latin America. In response to rumors in El Salvador and in the foreign press, Oqueli emphasized that the FDR's attempts to establish relationships with Salvadoran political opposition parties does not in any way signify a break from its alliance with the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN). (Basic data from Prensa Latina, 11/19/87)