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On March 10, a US delegation accused the Salvadoran military of trying to "cover up" the Feb. 13 killings of a Mexican doctor, four Salvadoran nurses, and five injured rebels during an attack on a guerrilla field hospital by the US-trained Atlacatl battalion. The attack occurred during a 48-hour unilateral cease-fire declared by rebels during the most recent Central American summit held in El Salvador. The delegation, acting on behalf of five California congresspersons, included a Unitarian minister from Boston, a Los Angeles Superior Court hearing officer, and a California medical professor. The US group said the Army had threatened reprisals if residents talked to outsiders about the incident. Two residents, said the group, who had helped the Roman Catholic Church's Tutela Legal gather evidence had been abducted by the military. Their whereabouts are unknown. Group members added that they had not visited the scene because security could not be guaranteed, and because they feared endangering residents. (Basic data from New York Times, 03/13/89)

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