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During a speech on April 16, President Vinicio Cerezo asserted that certain "traditional" rightist groups are fomenting destabilization. He alerted Guatemalans to the imminent "danger" facing democracy in the country. On April 18, the National Liberation Movement (MLN) requested that President Cerezo name the groups he accused of destabilization activities. MLN deputy secretary general Juan Carlos Simons said Cerezo has reiterated on several occasions that "all his failures are due to actions by the extreme right, but he never says to what persons or political groups he is referring...Everyone knows that the MLN is a party of the right. [Cerezo] should clarify once and for all what groups he is talking about when pointing to the extreme right." (Basic data from Notimex, 04/18/89)

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