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On May 7, Mutual Support Group (GAM) president Nineth Montenegro de Garcia told reporters in Guatemala City that an estimated 100 clandestine cemeteries are to be found in Guatemala, most in El Quiche department. She added that GAM continues to push for the exhumation of remains in unmarked graves. According to Montenegro, most of the persons whose bodies were thrown in such cemeteries were killed by death squads and security forces between 1978 and 1982, the period of "greatest repression." In recent months, GAM has attempted to step the search for clandestine cemeteries. Thus far, the organization has located five in El Quiche department, one in Chimaltenango, one in Sacatepequez and another in Chimaltenango department. On April 27, GAM succeeded after submitting numerous demands before department judicial authorities in the exhumation of eight bodies found at two locations in the village of Tunaja, Zacualpa municipality, El Quiche. (Basic data from Notimex, 05/07/89)

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