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On the evening of Aug. 15, unidentified assailants traveling in a car drove past the office of the Mutual Support Group (GAM) in Guatemala City, and shot out windows of the building. At about the same time, a grenade was tossed into the office. The explosion caused extensive material damage. Fourteen children and five adults were in a back room of the building at the time. They were later evacuated by the Guatemalan Red Cross. No injuries were reported. GAM is an organization for relatives of disappeared, abducted, and detained persons. Meanwhile, a less powerful grenade was thrown at the house of the International Peace Brigades, resulting in extensive material damage, but no injuries. The Brigades are comprised of non-Guatemalans who escort members of popular organizations. (Basic data from 08/16/89 report by Guatemalan Human Rights Commission/USA)

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