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On Nov. 3, Archbishop Prospero Penados del Barrio confirmed that Sister Diana Mack Ortiz, a US citizen, was abducted Nov. 2 in the city of Antigua, and then released on Friday morning. He did not provide details of the motive for the abduction or its perpetrators. Penados del Barrio said the Maryknoll nun had received anonymous threats insisting that she leave the country. The Guatemalan Confederation of Religious (COFREGUA) said Mack Ortiz was forced to leave the country in October after receiving several telephoned threats, and subsequent to a visit by two men to her home. (Basic data from Notimex, 11/03/89)

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