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On Nov. 3, two bombs exploded outside the home of Col. Orlando Caranza, commander of the Belloso Battalion, considered one of the army's most frequent violators of human rights. According to the New York Times, it was not clear who was responsible for placing the bombs. The house was damaged, but no one was injured. Next, the brother of Reynaldo Lopez Nuilla, a retired colonel and former cabinet minister, was killed by a gunman while driving his car in the capital. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. Col. Lopez, who now resides abroad, was in charge of a commission appointed by former president Jose Napoleon Duarte to investigate the involvement of senior members of the Nationalist Republican Alliance (ARENA) in the 1980 murder of Archbishop Arnulfo Romero. (Basic data from New York Times, 11/04/89)

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