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On Nov. 8 in Managua, Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) commander Ferman Cienfuegos told AP that the rebels will increase artillery attacks since the government has no interest in peace talks. He said, "We are expanding the level of the war. We are going to intensify the military and political struggle but it is not a major offensive, nor is it the insurrection that the military says." Another rebel leader, Lionel Gonzalez, said, that until popular organizations can operate without fear, "We are going to use all our military power to apply pressure on the negotiations" with the government. (Basic data from AP, 11/08/89)

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