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On June 27, an arrest warrant was issued by Judge Ricardo Zamora for Lt.Col. Carlos Camilo Hernandez, accused of destroying evidence in the November massacre of six Jesuit priests, their cook and her daughter. The evidence consisted of mission logs of troops accused of the shootings. Hernandez, currently an executive officer of the elite Belloso Battalion in San Salvador, is the former assistant director of the military college where the troops were stationed. The director of the college, Col. Guillermo Benavides, three lieutenants and five enlisted men have been charged with the murders. Hernandez allegedly ordered the burning of the log books of arrivals and departures from the military school for the entire year of 1989. (Basic data from Notimex, AP, 06/27/90)

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