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## **Socialist International Sends Experts To Investigate Killings Of Social Democrats Oqueli & Flores**

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On July 3, Tom Farer and Robert Goldman, both professors of law at the American University (Washington, DC), arrived in Guatemala City to conduct an investigation into the January murders of Salvadoran Social Democrat leader Hector Oqueli, and attorney Gilda Flores, member of the Guatemalan Social Democrat Party. The two professors are representing the Socialist International. Farer is a former member of the Organization of American States Human Rights Commission. Guatemalan Interior Minister Gen. Carlos Morales recently told reporters that Oqueli had been murdered by his friends in Guatemala. Salvadoran ambassador to Guatemala, Rafael Zaldivar declared he was pleased with Morales' statement, and claimed the Guatemalan government had clearly based its evaluation of the murder on adequate proof. According to Cerigua, Farer and Goldman said they have found no conclusive evidence, adding that the only two reports they have been allowed to examine are contradictory on several points. On July 6, Farer and Goldman said they had met with President Vinicio Cerezo, government and military officials, members of the human rights attorney general's office, "and other persons." (Basic data from Cerigua Weekly Briefs, 07/02-08/90; Notimex, 07/06/90)

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