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In a communique released July 26, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) called on President Alfredo Cristiani to assume political responsibility for the November 1989 murder of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter. The statement said Cristiani must be held responsible at the very least for the cover-up of evidence during the past seven months. The FMLN asserted that if Cristiani participated in protecting the identity of the person who authorized the execution order, there is sufficient reason to suspect that "he knows everything...[the identity of] the intellectual authors of the crime as well as the executioners." The communique said President Cristiani's approval made possible a "chain of decisions and orders" resulting in the massacre of the priests. The FMLN pointed out that calls for their assassinations were aired over national television and radio immediately prior to the killings. (Basic data from Notimex, 07/26/90)

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