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On Aug. 2, Sens. Christopher Dodd and Patrick Leahy introduced a bill that would cut US military aid to El Salvador in FY 1991 by 50% under specified conditions. The proposal is similar to a bill approved by the House of Representatives on June 27. Among other conditions, the military aid would be withheld if the Salvadoran government fails to negotiate a peaceful solution to the war, or fails to prosecute persons responsible for the murders of six Jesuit priests in November last year. If cut at some point, the aid would be restored in full if the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) fails to negotiate in good faith, mounts a new offensive, continues receiving weapons from abroad, or perpetrates violence against civilians. (Basic data from Notimex, 08/02/90)

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