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## **International Journalists Federation Denounces Murder Of Salvadoran Reporters & Demands Investigation**

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In an Oct. 6 letter addressed to the Salvadoran government, the International Journalists Federation (IJF) formally requested an investigation into the Sept. 28 murders of two Salvadoran reporters. (See CAU 10/03/90 for coverage of murders.) The Agence France Presse, which received a copy of the letter, reported that it was signed by Caracas-based IJF regional director Stein Ove Gronsund. The Federation is headquartered in Brussels. The letter said, "As an international organization which defends journalists' human rights and trade union rights, the IJF formally demands that your government in conjunction with the appropriate authorities take necessary actions to verify the circumstances surrounding the deaths of Jorge Euceda and Pedro Martinez." The letter asserted that police claims on a traffic accident as the cause of the journalists' deaths were suspect, and cited autopsy reports indicating shotgun wounds, and multiple head injuries. The Federation also pointed out that the Diario Latino, publisher of Euceda's work, had received numerous threats. (Basic data from AFP, 10/06/90)

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