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On Nov. 14 in San Salvador, Mario Cabrera, leader of the National Salvadoran Workers Unity (UNTS), asserted that the army has obstructed the investigation into the Nov. 16, 1989 murders of six Jesuit priests in order to protect senior officers and officials, most notably President Alfredo Cristiani. According to Cabrera, the military high command developed a plan to "decapitate" the popular movement, and assassinate the priests during a meeting hours before the killings. Next, Cabrera said the US directed the Salvadoran military for ten years, and bears a large portion of responsibility for the massacre of the priests. He added that he agreed with earlier statements by the Jesuit order saying that the US Embassy may be implicated in the assassination plot. Finally, Cabrera called for demilitarization of Salvadoran society as an essential aspect of the peace process. He said, "Demilitarization is necessary so that the army can no longer intervene in government affairs and to end its impunity." (Basic data from Notimex, 11/14/90)

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