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On Nov. 27, Emily Yozell told reporters that four foreign delegations will arrive in Guatemala City on Dec. 4-5 to investigate several cases of human rights violations. She said delegation members will meet with a group of Guatemalan non-governmental human rights organizations prior to proceeding with respective individual missions. Yozell, who is Costa Rican, is coordinating the visits. The delegations and their missions are summarized below. * US congresspersons will evaluate Washington's economic aid program, and prepare a report on the Nov. 11 elections. * Lawyers representing the Catholic Ursuline order are to investigate the Nov. 2, 1989 abduction of sister Diana Ortiz. * A team of attorneys from a New York-based human rights advocacy group will investigate circumstances surrounding the Sept. 11 death of anthropologist Dr. Mirna Mack. * A group of physicians specialized in pathology, sponsored by Americas Watch, will investigate clandestine gravesites in El Quiche department and in the capital. (Basic data from Notimex, 11/27/90)