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On Dec. 18 in San Salvador, UN mediator Alvaro de Soto said there were good prospects for a resumption of peace talks between the Salvadoran government and the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, despite the rebels' "limited offensive" of the past month. He said, "I think the two sides have reiterated their intention to continue the negotiating process." The last round of talks were held in September, and were tentatively scheduled to resume in Caracas, Venezuela, at the end of November. De Soto suggested that the two sides might meet "without our announcing it," but he declined to comment on reports of possible secret meetings in Mexico between the government and the guerrillas. (Basic data from AFP, 12/18/90)

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