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On Sept. 25 at the Central American University (UCA) in San Salvador, a Spanish government delegation sent to observe the Jesuit murder trial presented highlights of a report on the case. The report was based on investigations carried out by a Spanish parliamentary commission which visited El Salvador in November 1990, one year after the massacre occurred. The report said the massacre "demonstrated that the armed forces are accustomed to acting with absolute impunity," as well as the absence of necessary conditions for the legal system to exercise its functions in a genuinely independent fashion. Next, the report denounced "deliberate interference on the part of Salvadoran armed forces and certain sectors of the government" in the investigation of the crime. In addition, US authorities withheld important documents pertaining to the case. The Spanish legislators called on the government and military high command, as well as the US Embassy and other US organizations to "act decisively and clearly" to ensure that persons responsible for the crime are punished. (Basic data from AFP, 09/25/91)

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