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On Oct. 30, the Guatemalan Interior Ministry formally requested that the Mexican government open an investigation of the deaths of seven undocumented Guatemalans. Mexican officials say the seven drowned Oct. 22 in a river near Huetan, Tapachula on the Mexican side of the Guatemala-Mexico border. Family members of one of the victims, Juan Francisco Estupe Ortiz, told reporters that the corpse bore signs of torture as well as bullet wounds. The same sources said Mexican authorities demanded payment of US\$1,800 to ship the corpses to Guatemala. (Basic data from AFP, 10/30/91)

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