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In an Oct. 28 letter to President Alfredo Cristiani, Sen. Alan Cranston (D-CA) expressed concern over the Salvadoran government's denial of visas to a delegation of US citizens who planned to accompany Maria Mirtala Lopez Mejia on her return to El Salvador. Lopez Mejia, a member of the Christian Committee for the Displaced of El Salvador (CRIPDES), fled to the US after receiving death threats from the Salvadoran Anti- Communist Front (FAS). Delegation members included Catholic Bishop of Detroit Thomas Gumbleton, Jesuit Provincial Patrick McMananom, Sister Alice Fairchild, and US congressional aides Hector Lucena and Karen Masterson. (Basic data from EFE, 10/28/91)

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