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On Nov. 13, President Jorge Serrano and UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Sadako Ogata signed an accord guaranteeing the safe return of 45,000 Guatemalan refugees currently living in southern Mexico. Ogata told reporters that the main obstacle to repatriation was refugees' concern over physical, economic and social well-being upon returning to Guatemala. Serrano said that international assistance would be needed to finance special programs for the repatriation process. (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 11/13/91)

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