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In a Nov. 17 communiqué, the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (URNG) asserted that it viewed the government’s failure to acknowledge the arrest of rebel combatant Veronica Ortiz Hernandez as part of an effort to undermine the peace process. According to the URNG, Ortiz Hernandez was captured during a clash with army troops near Volcan de Agua, Sacatepequez department. The communiqué said the URNG had requested intervention by President Jorge Serrano intervene to ensure Ortiz Hernandez’ safety, and respect of her constitutional rights to have charges brought against her in a court of law. The army denied capture of any rebels, and claimed that Ortiz Hernandez "could be hiding in the mountains or be hidden by the guerrillas themselves." (Basic data from ACAN-EFE, 11/17/91)

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