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On Nov. 20, magistrate Napoleon Gutierrez told reporters that an appeals court had ordered a retrial of three military officers implicated in the August 1991 massacre of 11 civilians in Escuintla department. The court's decision was based on discovery that certain standard judicial procedures were ignored during the previous trial as well as throughout investigation of the case. (Basic data from Agence France- Presse, ACAN-EFE, 11/20/91)

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