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In a Dec. 22 press release, five reporters and 35 other employees of the state-run National Communications Secretariat (SENCO) said they had been fired. The statement indicated that Presidency Information Secretary Mauricio Sandoval "forced us, at great personal risk, to carry out espionage activities." Sandoval said the dismissals were part of the government's economic austerity measures. The Association of Salvadoran Journalists (APES) and the Union of Salvadoran Journalists (SINPES) called for reinstatement of the SENCO employees. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 12/22/91)

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