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On Dec. 23 in Tegucigalpa, newspaper La Tribuna cited Honduran Air Force sources who asserted that survivors of the Dec. 19 crash of a Honduran helicopter in Salvadoran territory were executed by Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) rebels. [See CAU 12/20/91 for previous coverage.] In statements to reporters on Dec. 30, Venezuelan forensic expert Dali Senior dismissed the notion that any of the survivors had been executed. She said all crew members died from multiple trauma injuries resulting from the crash. One of the crew members, said Senior, was shot in the forehead, but the bullet had been fired at long range. The forensic expert said she planned to submit a final report on the incident to Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez at the end of January. Perez would then turn the report over to Honduran counterpart Rafael Callejas. (Basic data from Agence France-Presse, 12/23/91, 12/30/91)

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