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On Jan. 29, Romero Monterrosa, spokesperson for the Union and Popular Action Unity (UASP), told reporters that the "Anti-communist Unity" (Unidad Anticomunista) had issued death threats against three UASP members: Mutual Support Group (GAM) president Nineth de Garcia, Ethnic Communities Council (CERJ) leader Amilcar Mendez, and Rosalina Tuyuc of the National Widows Coordinator (CONAVIGUA). On Feb. 6, Prensa Libre journalists Nestor Hernandez, Silvino Velasquez and Alvaro Galvez reported that since January they had been followed by persons dressed in civilian clothes. In addition, the three reporters said they had received numerous death threats. [Basic data from Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias-Spanish news service EFE, 01/30/92, 02/06/92; 02/02/92 report by Guatemala Solidarity Network (NISGUA); 02/03/92 report by the Guatemala Human Rights Commission (Washington, DC); Agence France-Presse, 02/06/92]

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