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In a Feb. 7 letter to US Secretary of State James Baker, several members of Congress urged the Bush administration to cooperate fully with the UN, the Truth Commission and the ad hoc commission created to review human rights abuses during the 12-year civil war. Signatories included Reps. Joe Moakley (D-MA), chair of a special congressional task force on the Jesuit murders; House majority whip David Bonior (D-MI); David Obey (D-WI), appropriations committee chairperson; and, leaders of the House foreign affairs committee. The letter called for further investigation into the Jesuit murder case, after pointing out that congressional investigations into the case indicate involvement by members of the Salvadoran military high command in ordering the killings and the subsequent cover-up. They also urged the administration to allocate future aid to El Salvador in a non-partisan manner, in an attempt to avoid directly backing a single Salvadoran political party or group. (Basic data from Inter Press Service, 02/07/92)

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