

(Translation - Spanish)

**SEARCH OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
AND THE JESUIT UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY**

On the night of Saturday, November 11, a small group of the FMLN entered the facilities of José Simeón Cañas Central American University (UCA), going through the residence of the Jesuit professors, which they entered by demolishing the main door with a bomb. Because of that, the following morning, Sunday, November 12, a military patrol under the command of a sergeant asked for permission to inspect the damage caused in the residence. He did so in the company of Dr. Segundo Montes, leaving after inspecting the place. From that moment, a group of soldiers was located at the entry to the university installations, searching everyone entering or leaving and, as of Monday, preventing the entry or exit of all persons.

On the afternoon of Monday, November 13, approximately, at 6:30 p.m. (hours when the curfew was in effect), no less than two patrols of the Salvadoran Armed Forces (20 men) entered the UCA installations. They effected the entry by breaking the lock of the main entry facing the Colonia Jardines de Guadalupe and--apparently--jumping over one of the walls surrounding the university campus. When the Jesuit priests became aware of the military presence, some soldiers were already inside of the Theological Reflection Center, which they entered by jumping through a window and which they had begun to search by kicking the doors open.

After asking for the officer in charge, the Jesuit priests asked him to identify himself and for the reason for their presence. The officer said that he could not identify himself, but that he had orders to search all of the facilities. The professors explained to him that in that place they were in a religious house, the Jesuit residence, which is not UCA property. In spite of that, the officer insisted that they would search everything, including the religious residence, as they did. Since some soldiers were kicking open doors of the Theological Reflection Center, the professors insisted to the officer that there was no need to proceed in that manner and that they would open the facilities that they needed. The officer promised not to proceed violently and even gave his word that they would not enter those units of UCA that were closed. He likewise promised to respect the watchmen of the institution. Finally, he indicated that they would remain in the university facilities throughout the night.

It is not known at what time they left the university grounds, but it is calculated that it was in the early hours of the next day, November 14. After a rapid inspection of the facilities, it was possible to verify the following damage: 1) forceful entry of the main entrance; 2) forcing of the locks of the three doors of the Theological Reflection Center; 3) violent entry to the Psychological Clinic (breaking the glass of a window) and damage to work materials; 4) forcing of the lock of the chemical storage area; 5) forcing of the lock and/or breakage of three doors of the engineering laboratories, and disorder in work materials.

Since UCA remains closed by force and, since that same Monday has been preventing

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entry or exit from the facilities, it has not been possible to verify if other damage exists or if there is something missing. Nor is it known if the damage was caused before or after the verbal commitment of the military officer, who at all times conducted himself respectfully toward the professors, members of the university community.

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