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42. On November 1, 2001, the Inter-American Commission granted precautionary measures on behalf of Sergio Aguayo Quesada, Juan Antonio Vega, and the members of the technical secretariat of the Todos los Derechos para Todos National Network of Human Rights Bodies. The information received by the IACHR reports that on October 27, 2001, a message was found in a Mexico City telephone booth; this note contained threats against five nationally renowned human rights workers, together with a demand for money. The first steps were taken by the National Security and Investigation Council (CISEN), the director of which notified the National Network. The text of the anonymous message referred to the killing of the human rights activist and defender, and it claimed responsibility for that crime. On November 9, 2001, the State reported that the office of the federal attorney-general (PGR) was protecting the persons identified by the IACHR, together with others whose names also appeared in the threatening note. The communication added that they were in contact with the protected persons with a view toward jointly coordinating the most appropriate measures, and that the PGR's Specialized Organized Crime Unit had launched a preliminary investigation into the incident.