

that we made the best possible appointment at the time. But any position for which I can find an equally qualified and willing female appointment, I would favour. That applies to the Supreme Court.

ANDREW SZENDE (Toronto Star): Prime Minister, during the discussions you had with President Reagan and Alexander Haig, you seemed to abandon all criticism of the American policy on El Salvador. I am <sup>wondering</sup> / what new information did they make available to you that persuaded you that their policy is now correct.

A. They didn't give me any information. I don't know if they gave any to Mr. MacGuigan. But whatever position I took, I find consistent with the position I had before the visit and which I had even in the House of Commons.

We told the Americans we think that the solution should be political, not military, and in that sense we condemn the supply of arms to the area. But I never said I only condemn supply from one side. On the contrary, I made it quite clear in the House of Commons that we were as concerned with the supply of arms that were coming to the insurgents as that to the government side. <sup>And</sup> / my position from the beginning in El Salvador, as it has been in Tehran and in every other area -- Poland, if you want -- is that we hope that the moderates will prevail -- and that means, <sup>not</sup> / in the case of El Salvador, <sup>and</sup> / not a Marxist party and not a Fascist party. And that has been our position and remains our position.

I am not sure to what extent the Americans believe it, but I think Mr. MacGuigan made it even more clear