

needed for jobs like surveillance of borders and things like that kind, logically Canada would accept that. That's what I said.

Q.: How far away do you think we are?

J.-L. Pepin: I don't know. Some people seemed to describe as what I said as going to happen in the next half an hour. That's not so. Progress is being made, meetings are taking place and it may take weeks, I don't know. But I thought it was useful to say that we weren't only winking at the girl as I said, we were only making eyes at her that we meant what we were doing and we were showing more than simply the interests of the looker by, that we expected that at one point should we be asked in a modest way to be involved.

Q.: You've thought it through to some extent, is it your view that its possible that a peacekeeping force might be needed by Canada? If that's the case, that Canada would be able to respond?

J.-L.P.: I would think that. Because what is the preoccupation if the countries of Central America? What are their preoccupations? Essentially two: they have borders and there's trouble in these areas. Secondly, some of them are acquiring arms. So that's their two main preoccupations. So if you want to reassure them, you will give them people there from the region or partly from the region supervised by the UN or somebody else. You will give them people to re-establish the confidence, who will keep an eye to make sure that trouble doesn't happen. And that is a surveillance force of some kind.

Q.: So did you actually tell them that, that if they wanted a surveillance force that you would be prepared to do so?

J.-L.P.: They're quite bright. They understand that. They take it for granted, that we're not simply showing the interest of the witness. One of them told me that he was already preparing a shopping list of the things that Canada could do, if and when a situation like the one I described should take place.

Q.: Do you have any idea when you'll get the shopping list?

J.-L.P.: No, I don't know, but you know that Canada is an expert at this kind of operation. We have a list of names of people who have served, who are willing to serve