

Do you mean continued support of the Duarte government?

Mr. HAIG: I will presume to answer, because I think what we are talking about is, yes, we consider that the Duarte government is now the best hope, and has been for this pluralistic process, which we hope will proceed with early elections in El Salvador so that the people of El Salvador, through the traditional expression of self-determination, can decide their own futures, free of external meddling and interventionism. We are talking about proceeding from a current base into an election. I think that coincides with President Duarte's own objective, as recently reiterated this past weekend.

Mr. McGUIGAN: If I may quote from my own speech in the House of Commons on Monday, I said -- if I can remember the exact words -- that the existing government is probably the most feasible channel through which the people of El Salvador can realize democracy. And we are most heartened by the fact that that government has recently committed itself to free elections in 1982 which, I might remark, is two years earlier than Nicaragua is prepared to promise free elections for.

Q. My question is for General Haig.

Sir, the week before the American delegation arrived, the U.S. government made a number of moves that