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CONTADORA ACCORD

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(Interview with Sean Brady, Official Spokesperson)

Mr. Brady said Canada was consulted by the Contadora countries because Canada supports the Contadora process, is seen as becoming increasingly interested in the problems of Central America and the Latin region and has experience in peacekeeping issues. He said Joe Clark called for the meeting with Contadora representatives because of personal and public concern over possible arms shipments by the Nicaraguans and claims by the Nicaraguan government that the U.S. was on the brink of invasion, and that Canada is opposed to both. Mr. Brady said Canada is committed to the Contadora process and to achieving peace in Central America and is willing to give assistance to achieve these ends.

CBC TV The National Nov. 26/84

Three ambassadors from countries seeking peace in Central America met with Joe Clark. The Contadora Group has come up with a peace plan needing peacekeepers to enforce it and has asked Canada to play a role. An External Affairs spokesperson said that although the U.S. opposes the peace commission, Canada's concerns are not the same as those of the U.S. However, Canada said although the peace commission is a good idea, unless all countries involved in the region, including the U.S. agree it is not likely to happen. Clark told the ambassadors the body would have to have enough authority to be effective.

CJOH TV Newsline Nov. 26/84

Coverage of Clark's meeting with three representatives of the Contadora countries: Canada is under growing pressure to condemn any intervention by the super powers in South American affairs; has been asked to contribute its peacekeeping expertise to a special control commission but has so far refused.

CBC Radio Nov. 27/84

Canada will seriously consider taking part in a Central American peace effort if a peace commission proposed for the area could be made more effective. External Affairs spokesperson Sean Brady said Canadian concerns are different from American because "we have been generally members of peacekeeping units rather than a party to the conflict."

Global World Report Nov. 26/84

Standard coverage of Clark's meeting with representatives of the Contadora countries. Canada is in favour of peace in Central America, but is skeptical the Contadora plan can be enforced. Canada has qualified its support of the peace process to a degree that won't offend the U.S., according to Ottawa Bureau Chief Doug Small.