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Joe Clark said that on the political side he is very much interested in getting information on Nicaragua and what it would be useful for Canada to do in that country. He said he does not anticipate an American invasion. Clark was unsure if there was a contingency plan to remove Canadians from Nicaragua without having to rely on the U.S. in the event of an invasion.

CBC TV The National Nov. 13/84

Report on the propaganda war between the U.S. and Nicaragua: the U.S. claims Nicaragua is planning to attack Honduras and El Salvador, Nicaragua says the American people are being conditioned to accept an invasion. In Canada, the Nicaraguan Ambassador asked Canadians to condemn any military action the U.S. takes against Nicaragua. Joe Clark said he does not anticipate an invasion and is trying to get more information from Washington.

CTV National Nov. 27/84

The tape on Nicaragua was referred to as "another information slip-up" from the federal government. NDP Leader Ed Broadbent called it sloppy housekeeping and said it was open government by accident, not design.

CBC TV The National Nov. 30/84

Report by Mike Duffy saying Clark tried to brand the incident as unimportant and shrugged off suggestions that opening an embassy in Nicaragua in the face of American opposition might endanger Canadian-American relations.

CBC Radio The World at Six Nov. 27/84

The tape made clear that Canada's recent decision to improve peacekeeping processes in Central America was an attempt to work separately from the U.S. Liberal Doug Frith summed up opposition reaction, saying it indicates a government that is paranoid and unprofessional.