

discussion on that subject.

Q. Could I have a response to the second one?

Mr. HAIG: It wouldn't be appropriate for me to say anything beyond that, because that represents the general flavour. There were expressions of concern about arms shipments from any side, but there was also a recognition that imbalances have developed. I think it is clear that the US side is conscious of concerns here in Canada, and these are not too different from our own concerns. The basic problem is two-fold on El Salvador, and this was clear in the discussions.

The first is the unacceptability of Marxist-Leninist intrusions in the hemisphere sponsored and led by Cuba with the support of the Soviet Union, and that is unacceptable. Secondly, that our objective in El Salvador is a rejection of the extremes of the right or the left, the need to assist where we can in the political evolution and development toward pluralism while rejecting these extremes. I think that is a very strong common purpose and objective between the two governments.

Q. My question, Mr. Haig, and also Mr. McGuigan, when you are talking about a "moderate solution", are both governments talking about the same thing?