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PDM/SSEA: I THINK THAT I WOULD APPROVE OF THAT RESOLUTION. I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO READ THE EXACT TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION, BUT ANY EXPRESSION OF OPINION AGAINST THE MINING OF THE NICARAGUAN WATERS WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE MY SUPPORT. I THINK IT IS AN IMPORTANT EXPRESSION OF OPINION ON THE PART OF THE USA SENATE.

Q MR. MACEACHEN, WHY DOES CDA NOT WANT TO HELP SWEEPING THE MINES AND WILL CDA CONDEMN OR OPENLY PROTEST TO THE USA AGAINST THIS ACT AS DID THE BRITISH GOVT?

PDM/SSEA: WE HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN TWO WEEKS AGO TO THE AUTHORITIES IN THE USA. I HAVE ALREADY EXPLAINED WHY IT WOULD NOT BE CONSISTENT WITH THE CDN POLICY TO UNDERTAKE ACTIVITY IN MINE SWEEPING IN NICARAGUAN WATERS.

Q. I DONT KNOW IF YOU TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT USA DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THE JURISDICTION OF THE TRIBUNAL AND YOUR OPINION ON THAT?

PDM/SSEA: WE HAVE A CASE BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL COURT IN THE HAGUE. WE ARE ARGUING A VERY IMPORTANT BOUNDARY CASE IN ASSERTING A CDN CLAIM TO GEORGE'S BANK OFF THE COAST OF NOVA SCOTIA. WE ARE ARGUING THAT CASE AGAINST THE USA WHO IS MAKING ITS CLAIM FOR THE GEORGE'S BANK. BUT U- SHOULD ADD THAT FROM TIME TO TIME COUNTRIES DO REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COURT, ITS COMPULSORY JURISDICTION, FOR EXAMPLE THE SOVIET UNION HAS NEVER ACKNOWLEDGE THE COMPULSORY JURISDICTION OF THE INNATEL COURT. SO, IT'S NOT A NEW DEVELOPMENT.

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