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Radio Canada CBOF, Les Informations, Nov. 6/84

With 37 polls reporting, the results in the Nicaraguan election show the Sandinistas have 68 per cent of the popular vote, the Conservative Democrats 12 per cent and the Independent Liberals 11 per cent. The participation of 83 per cent of eligible voters was itself a victory for the Sandinistas. Thirty unofficial Canadian observers were pleased with the carrying out of the elections, but Canada's ambassador to Nicaragua, Francis Filleul, said the non-participation of many Opposition parties made it a referendum rather than an election.

Radio Canada CBOF, Les Informations Nov. 7/84

(by Luc Poulin)

The Nicaraguan elections were carried out peacefully, without any major disruptive incidents. Nicaraguan guerrillas declared a truce for the duration of the voting. Participation was high, even though the major Opposition forces, led by Tours Cruz, refused to participate.

Radio Canada CBOF, Le Monde Maintenant Nov. 5/84

(by Luc Poulin)

With 20 per cent of the votes counted in Nicaragua's election, the Sandinistas are well ahead of the other contending parties with 70 per cent of the vote. Results show an 80 per cent participation level. One of the priorities of the new government will be to draft a constitution.

Radio Canada Oct. 29/84

Canada will not be sending observers to the Nicaraguan election.

CBC Radio World at Six Oct. 30/84

Joe Clark says that Canada's decision not to send observers to the election in Nicaragua does not imply a change in Canada's relations with Nicaragua.

SSEA Scrum Nov. 1/84

Joe Clark says Canada decided not to send observers to the Nicaraguan election because it was felt that the election would not be effective because there is not an effective opposition in that country. He will, however, be receiving information on the elections from unofficial Canadian observers.

CBC TV The National Nov. 5/84

Report from Nicaragua on the election. Quote from the Canadian Ambassador: "I think the Western democracies would have preferred to have seen, as would we, a genuine electoral contest with the real possibility of the government losing power." An unnamed observer had a positive reaction to the electoral process.