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Q. I would like to clear up confusion about what Canada has said or has not said about El Salvador. I was wondering if the two ministers could clear it up for me. On one side, we have a version that Canada did not raise its objections to US military aid and military aid of other countries to El Salvador, and on the other side we have that Canada did raise this question. So, my question is: Did Canada raise it? Secondly, to Secretary Haig, after that is cleared up, is this going to influence the US to halt further military aid to El Salvador's military junta?

Mr. McGUIGAN: Perhaps I could begin by saying a word. I think that any confusion results from people reporting on different meetings. In fact, Canada did state our position of opposition to the supply of arms to El Salvador, but we found a lot of common ground with respect to El Salvador on the subject of a political solution. We both agreed that the solution is not a military one, but a political one. That was actually the focal point of our