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IPM/SSEA: YES. I DO HAVE A DEEP BELIEF IN DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS, AS A WAY OF PROVIDING LEGITIMACY TO THE GOVT OF THE DAY. AS I SAID, I WOULD SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTIONS IN NICARAGUA.

I HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE MINING OF NICARAGUAN WATERS AND IT IS SELF EVIDENT TO ME THAT THE ESCALATION OF TENSION THAT MAY BE CAUSED BY SUCH MINING DOES NOT ASSIST IN CREATING A GOOD ATMOSPHERE FOR THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN ANY COUNTRY. IT MAY NOT BE AN OBSTACLE TO THE HOLDING OF GOOD ELECTIONS, BUT IT IS CERTAINLY DOES ADD TO THE ATMOSPHERE THAT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE.

Q. IS CDA WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE TO TAKE AWAY THE MINES OUT OF THE NICARAGUAN PORTS? THIS IS ONE QUESTION. THE OTHER IS WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF CREDITS, DONATIONS THAT CDA HAS GRANTED TO NICARAGUA?

DPM/SSEA: CDA HAS ALWAYS RESISTED THE MILITARIZATION OF CENTAM. WE HAVE FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED THAT OUR OPPOSITION TO THIRD PARTY INTERVENTION IN CENAM. WE HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT INSTEAD OF MORE FOREIGN COUNTRIES COMING INTO THE AREA, THAT THOSE PRESENTLY HERE OUGHT TO LEAVE. AND I WOULD NOT FORESEE THAT CDA WOULD INTERVENE IN THAT KIND OF AN ACTIVITY, AS I LOOK AT IT AT THE PRESENT TIME. IN ANSWERING YOUR QUESTION ON AID, WE HAVE PROVIDED ABOUT DLRS 25 M IN THE LAST THREE YEARS. WE HAVE PROVIDED A 13 M LINE OF CREDIT AND TWO SHIPS ARRIVED IN NICARAGUA THIS WEEK BRINGING FERTILIZER.

Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE APPROVAL OF THE CONDEMNATION RESOLUTION IN THE USA SENATE OF THE MINING OF THE PORTS?