

in the North-South Summit in Mexico. I am wondering, in your discussions, were these dealt with in tandem, and how did you attempt to influence the President on the question of his attending the North-South Summit?

A. Well, we did discuss the Mexican Summit at some length. The President -- one of the first things he told me was that he was planning to meet the President of Mexico in a month, a month and a half or something in Tijuana on the border, and therefore we discussed that summit.

I guess the President knew that I attached great importance to North-South questions, and he was making that point, and he made the point -- which I think now is public enough for me to repeat it -- that he would be very interested in attending that summit under certain conditions. So, we discussed -- I mean attending the North-South, the Cancun Summit. And since our own Minister was going to Vienna -- he left last night -- to attend meetings today and tomorrow, I went out of my way to argue for the importance of that meeting, and the President obviously went out of his way to indicate that he understood that and that is why he was indicating a positive disposition to attend in certain conditions.

Does that answer both the aspects of what Secretary Haig raised?

MS. HELWIG: I was really wondering whether they were discussed together and whether, in a sense, you were trying to persuade the President to take part in the North-South discussions, in return for which you would be more interested in trilateral discussions between Mexico, Canada and the United States.

A. Honestly not. There was certainly no