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DPM/SSEA: I WAS NOT ASKED TO SEND AN OBSERVER TEAM. REFERENCES WERE MADE THAT OBSERVERS MIGHT BE ASKED AND ALSO REFERENCES WERE MADE TO POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN A TECHNICAL WAY OF HOLDING AN ELECTION. BUT WE WERE NOT DIRECTLY ASKED. I CERTAINLY IN MY DISCUSSIONS UNDERLINED ONE OR TWO POINTS WHICH I REGARD AS IMPORTANT IN THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS :ONE OF COURSE IF THAT IN ORDER TO HAVE A GENUINE ELECTION ONE MUST HAVE AN OPPOSITION.AN ELECTIONS WITHOUT AN OPPOSITION IS A NON EVENT. I DREW ON MY OWN E

ELECTIONS IN CDA WHERE I'VE WON AND LOST ELECTIONS

AND I THINK IN ANY SITUATION ONE HAS TO ACCEPT THE POSSIBILITY OF LOSING. YOU CAN'T LOSE UNLESS YOU HAVE AN ORGANIZED OPPOSITION.

Q CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE MINING OF NICARAGUA PORTS AND THE USA DECISION NOT TO RESPECT THE WORLD COURT REGARDING CENTAM?

DPM/SSEA:WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE MINING OF NICARAGUAN WATERS. WE THINK IT IS ANOTHER DANGEROUS DEVELOPMENT IN THE WAY OF FURTHER ESCALATION IN THE TENSION IN THIS AREA. WE FIND IT QUITE WORRISOME. I'VE NO DIREKT COMMENTS ON THE DECISION OF THE AMERICAN... (CONF INTERRUPTED BY NOISE FROM DEPARTING AIRLINER).

Q.WILL CDA BE WILLING TO JOIN FRANCE IN AN INNATL EFFORT TO CLEAN MINES OUT OF NICARAGUA WATERS?

DPM/SSEA: I DON'T FORESEE THAT POSSIBILITY AT ALL.

Q.HOW COULD THE MINING OF THE PORTS AFFECT THE ELECTION PROCESS IN NICARAGUA? YOU HAVE ALREADY SAID YOU SEE IN A GOOD OPINION THE ELECTIONAL PROCESS IN NICARAGUA. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON IT?

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