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GENERAL COVERAGE

NEWS

St. John's Evening Telegram Dec. 4/84 (CP)

Joe Clark announced direct development aid to El Salvador will be restored and CIDA has been authorized to begin loan negotiations with that country.

Regina Leader Post Dec. 4/84

(CP)

Standard coverage of Joe Clark's announcement that development aid to El Salvador will be restored.

COLUMNISTS

Regina Leader Post Dec. 7/84 (Column by John Best)

Best approves of the decision of Joe Clark to give Central America a higher profile in Canadian policy, but warns that the new minister is "walking on thin ice" and talk of a Canadian peacemaking role is premature. He also says Clark has given little indication that he has set himself a clear, coherent set of objectives and warns him to resist pressure from the NDP "to jump in with both feet."