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ON A INTERIM BASIS.I WAS NOT/NOT IN A POSITION TO REPLY TO THAT REQUEST BECAUSE WE DO BELONG TO THE INNATL MONETARY FUND WHICH WE REGARD AS THE IMPORTANT INSTITUTION IN THE WORLD FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS/SUPPORT.I DID POINT OUT THAT SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY UNDERTAKEN BY CDA COULD BE REGARDED AS DIRECT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS/SUPPORT BUT THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER HIS VIEWS ON THIS POINT AND I SUGGESTED THAT HE BE IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH THE CDN MINISTER OF FINANCE.

Q: CAN YOU ENLARGE ON CDAS CONCERNS WITH REGARD TO THE SECURITY SITU IN CENTRAL AMERICA?

DPM:WE ARE QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT THE TROUBLED ATMOSPHERE THAT
PREVAILS IN THE AREA AND THE APPREHENSION THAT IS EXPRESSED SO
FREQUENTLY BY SPOKESMEN FROM THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES AS TO THE
SECURITY SITUATION.WE THINK THAT EFFORTS THAT NOW ARE CURRENTLY
UNDERWAY IN THE CONTADORA PROCESS SHOULD BE FULLY SUPPORTED. THAT
MEANS THAT IT NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF THE INNATL COMMUNITY.CERTAINLY
THE USA CERTAINLY ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN GROUP
AND THE CONTADORA GROUP.WE THINK AS A COUNTY THAT THERE IS NO/NO
POSSIBILITY OF PROGRESS, ECONOMICALLY, OR SOCIALLY OR INDEED
POLITICALLY, IF THE PRESENT TENSE SITUATION CONTINUES. AND THAT LEADS
US TO URGE THE DEMILITARIZATION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AND THE
REMOVAL OF ALL FOREIGN ADVISERS, FOREIGN TROOPS AND FOREIGN SOLDIERS
FROM CENTRAL AMERICA.