

F. Bastien/Radio Cda:combined this lack of consultation and the invasion itself? Doesn't that bring to you more urgently, does that bring the issue of necessity to consult to a more acute level?

SSEA: I believe that one of the principal objectives of effective international diplomacy and action, one of the principal requirements is maximum prior consultation and minimum of surprises. I think that particularly when concerns of a country can be affected or interests of a country can be affected by the actions of another. Surely that is the time when consultation can be very helpful. I certainly speak for Canada when I express the view that we will attempt with our friends, the Mexicans, to consult as much as possible in the field of international questions. But the matter of consultations is much more pointed seems when it comes to an incident like Grenada, to which we have to react, and upon which subject we have views and counsel to offer. I am not making any other point except that in the consultation context.

P. Majendie: Do you think that the Grenada invasion heightened the risk of a similar U.S. incursion in Nicaragua? On that specific point, what is your opinion?

For. Sécy: Well, I have no claim to become a prophet; it is a very risky profession. But anyhow, what is true, is that the invasion of Grenada has increased the regional tensions altogether in Central America. That makes, perhaps, the diplomatic task, the political undertakings of the Contadora Group more difficult. We would prefer an easing of the tensions in Central America, and we may find ourselves with larger constraints in terms of negotiations. I couldn't answer your question, because I don't think anyone can predict what may happen in the near future. What I can see very clearly is a greater tension, a greater difficulty in negotiating the very difficult issues we have before us.

SSEA: Is that the time to stop...?

Hostess: We have one more question, Sir, if I may.

United Nations: I wonder if Canada and Mexico might be working on any "joint draft" that they might put forward themselves, or whether you are putting your support behind any draft now in existence?

SSEA: We haven't discussed a particular draft. Our delegations in New York, well I speak for the Canadian Delegation, is following the situation very closely. At the last word, there were two resolutions in play. One was proposed