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THAT GENERAL ELECTION WOULD BE TOTALLY CONNECTED WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ORIGINAL REVOLUTION AND WOULD BE A VERY IMPORTANT DOMESTIC AND INNATL EVENT. CERTAINLY WE WILL ENCOURAGE IN ANY WAY WE COULD THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THESE ELECTIONS.

IN ADDITION TO MGT MEMBERS OF THE GOVT I HAD A FURTHER PERSPECTIVE FROM PERSONS WHOM ONE MIGHT REGARD AS HOLDING DIFFERENT VIEWS, OPPOSITION GROUPS TO THE GOVT. THAT CERTAINLY ADDED AN IMPORTANT DIMENSION TO MY ASSESSMENT OF THE SITU IN NICARAGUA.

Q.CAN YOU TELL US WHY OTTAWA IS NOT OPENING AN EMB IN NICARAGUA?

DPM/SSEA:IT IS TRUE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE AN EMB IN NICARAGUA.WE HAVE A AN EMB IN CRICA AND THE AMB,MR. FILLEUL, WHO IS ALSO ACCREDITED TO NICARAGUA MAINTAINS VERY CLOSE.COMMUNICATION WITH THE SITUATION IN MANAGUA. WE HAVE INCREASED QUITE CONSIDERABLY OUR PERSONNEL IN CRICA IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE OUR CAPACITY,NOT ONLY IN CRICA BUT IN NICARAGUA. WE HAVE THAT SITUATION UNDER SURVEILLANCE, BUT AT THE MOMENT THE PRINCIPAL REASON WHY WE CAN'TFORESEE OPENING AN EMB IMMED IS A BUDGETARY CONSIDERATION.THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER OF AREAS IN THE WORLD WHERE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO INCFIASE OUR REPRESENTATION, BUT WE ARE PRESENTLY PREVENTED BY BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS.BUT WE INTEND TO ENSURE FROM CRICA WE ARE PAYING PROPER ATTN TO THE SITUATION HERE.

Q.IS THE BUDGETARY REASON THE ONLY REASON?

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