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BASES, THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN ADVISERS, THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN TROOPS, THAT THERE IS A WAY TO FIND THAT OUT AND THEN TO ESTABLISH CEILINGS TO WHICH THE FORCES WOULD BE REDUCED, TO WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS A STATE OF EQUILIBRIUM. AND THAT IS A VERY INTRICATE SERIES OF PROBLEMS THAT WE DISCUSSED, AND THAT WE DIDNT COMPLETE OR SOLVE I ASSURE YOU IN OUR DISCUSSION.

Q: THE CONTRAS MAY HAVE PLANNED THE MINING OF THE PORTS OF NICARAUGA FROM HERE. IS CDA WILLING TO USE THE AID LEVER TO INFLUENCE THE HONDURAN GOVT APPEARANT TOTAL INDULGENCE IF THESE PRESS REPORTS ARE TRUE OF CONTRA ACTIVITIES HERE?

DPM: YOUR QUESTION REALLY IS VERY CONDITIONAL BASED UPON IF CERTAIN THINGS ARE TRUE. AS I SAID, THAT IF CDA DECIDED TO TERMINATE AID IN HONDURAS, FOR EXAMPLE, IF IT WERE ESTABLISHED THAT CONTRAS WERE OPERATING WITH THE APPROVAL AND SUPPORT OF THE HONDURAN AUTHORITIES, WHICH IS SOMETHING I CANT ESTABLISH ON MY OWN ACCOUNT OR WITH MY OWN RESOURCES, BUT IF THAT WERE TRUE AND WE TOOK THAT ACTION, THEN I THINK WE WOULD BE ON A REALY MERRY-GO-ROUND. WHAT WOULD WE DO THEN IN NICARAGUA ABOUT THE ALLEGATION THAT THEY ARE ACTIVELY SUPPORTING THE GUERILLAS IN EL SALVADOR, AND SO ON AND SO FORTH? SC I THINK THAT IT RAISES THE QUESTION ABOUT USING AID AS A POLITICAL INSTRUMENT. I DONT THINK YOU CAN IGNORE ENTIRELY THE POLITICAL SITU IN ANY COUNTRY AND BE BLIND TO WHAT IS HAPPENING. BUT I THINK THAT YOU HAVE TO BE RATHER CAREFUL ABOUT HOW YOU USE

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