



# The White House NEWS SUMMARY

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TODAY'S HEADLINES

INTERNATIONAL

## U.S.-NICARAGUA AGREEMENT LIKELY

Secretary Shultz will sign a four-part agreement with Nicaragua intended to ease tensions between that country and its neighbors, according to a highly placed congressional source. The agreement would call for Nicaragua to stop exporting arms to leftist guerrillas in El Salvador, and would call for Nicaragua to establish a democratic government by 1986. The source said that their office understands that under the agreement the U.S. would stop providing assistance to the anti-Nicaraguan guerrillas and reduce the level of U.S. military training exercises in Honduras. (Washington Times, A1)

## SENATE PROBE FINDS NO CIA-'DEATH SQUAD' TIE

A Senate staff investigation has produced no evidence to support allegations that elements of the U.S. government have supported or acquiesce in right-wing "death squad" activity in El Salvador. In a 36-page report resulting from the investigation, staff members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence conclude that in the course of carrying out legitimate U.S. government missions, some Americans have "unavoidably" had contact with Salvadoreans strongly suspected of being involved with death squads.

(Daniel Southerland, Christian Science Monitor, A1)

REAGAN BOMBING JOKE IS SAID TO CAUSE PARTIAL  
SOVIET ALERT

Defense Department officials have told Rep. Barnes (D.-Md.) that an unauthorized Soviet army official ordered a partial military alert in August, two days after President Reagan's joke about bombing the Soviet Union, but that the order was quickly countermanded, according to an aide to Barnes. (Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A10)

## WEINBERGER ALLEGES SUBSTANTIAL SOVIET MISSILE INCREASE

STRESA, Italy -- Secretary Weinberger says the Soviet Union has deployed many more SS-20 nuclear missiles, although NATO's official tally remains at 378. But he declined to give a precise figure, saying the data was still being studied by intelligence analysts. West German Defense Minister Manfred Woerner suggested the discrepancy was due to suspicions that the Soviet Union might be deploying ICBMs at its SS-20 bases.

(Charles Aldinger, Reuter)

EDITOR'S NOTE: A full page ad by the International Progress Organization criticizing Reagan Administration foreign policy appears on page A11 of The Washington Post.