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During a meeting of the Inter-American Defense Council (Junta Interamericana de Defensa-JID) Oct. 22 in Caracas, Venezuela, JID officials announced that the Council has prepared support programs for the "reestablishment" of peace in Central America at such time that its intervention is "solicited." This declaration was made by US Gen. John Ballantine (Council president), Salvadoran Col. Mario Reyes (vice president), and Venezuelan Gen. Eleazar Nini (joint chiefs of staff head). JID officials said it was regrettable that neither the Contadora Group nor the Organization of American States have requested Council participation in developing strategies for attaining regional peace. (Basic data from Boletin, Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias ACEN-SIAG, 10/30/86:9-10)

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