U.S. Asst. Secretary Of State Aronson: Washington's War Against Salvadoran Rebels Finished

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In Feb. 9 television interview, Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) leader Shafick Handal said that US Asst. Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Bernard Aronson had assured rebel leaders that Washington's war against the FMLN had definitively ended. According to Handal, Aronson stated that the US was now committed to seeing that the reforms outlined in the peace accords are carried out. Handal said these and other comments were articulated by Aronson to FMLN leaders on Jan. 16 in Mexico City during the peace accords signing ceremony. According to Handal, Aronson indicated that Washington's objective in providing military aid to the Salvadoran government throughout the 1980s was to prevent an FMLN victory, not to strengthen the Salvadoran military. (Basic data from Agencia Centroamericana de Noticias-Spanish news service EFE, 02/09/92)

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