

Joseph Eldridge on Lister and U.S. involvement in Nicaragua, Chile and El Salvador

I don't know what his—I'm trying to remember where he came down because we were banging away, I mean hammering away at the State Department for mining the harbors of Nicaragua; for lifting up and training, equipping up an army to wage war against; and using Honduras as a staging area to wage war against Nicaragua. I don't remember him weighing in on that issue. I think he was—because he was working for Elliott Abrams for heavens sakes, the architect of the war. He kept—I mean Chile, the southern cone countries, he was much more comfortable talking about rights violations than he was about Central America. Even about El Salvador, I think he was much more, because those were the governments we were supporting at the time and he was working for the Department of State. So it was very difficult if not impossible for him to publicly address those issues and continue to have an office in the Department of State.