US termed an obstacle to Central America peace

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A tale of two countries: Nicaragua and El Salvador. No one is sure where or how the struggle between the two nations will end. The latest attempt to buy U.S. jets from France was thwarted by U.S. interference, and a second attempt is expected to fail. The U.S. government has been accused of using its influence to prevent the sale of jets to El Salvador.

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array up to a force of 400,000 men. Nicaragua's defense minister, verified Miranda's claims in the same work.

The media failed to report the actual text of Ortega's speech, Chomsky claimed. Instead, they quoted it selectively and built a false interpretation. The Sandinistas actually intended to reduce their army once the counter-revolutionary war is over, he said. He attacked the attitude that Nicaragua must help defend US invasion, because we have the right of aggression; that's the logic. Chomsky also defended Nicaragua's attempts to buy jets fighters, explaining that they would be used to stop illegal contra supply flights. "An earlier attempt to buy French Mirage fighters was blocked by the United States, he said, adding that the "loyal press" suppressed this information.

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