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Letters
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Dear People,

In your Weekend Edition interview with Dr. John Woodall in Geneva, he spoke eloquently of the work of the Task Force on Accountablility for War Crimes in the Balkans. He correctly labeled as "unthinkable" that the high-ranking perpetrators of these crimes not be held accountable and suggested that without recourse to legal procedures, the war would simply start up again. Our State Department agrees with him, and so do I.

But what I cannot fathom is that no war crimes tribunals are in process to hold accountable the high-ranking officials of El Salvador who United Nations commissions report, and our own CIA confirms, were directing the death squads and massacres during El Salvador's civil war, and who continue death squad activity today. Are govenments supported by United States policies exempt from accountability? Is our message that war criminals from Latin America are guaranteed amnesty? Why should they respect human rights, if scorn for them will never be punished? How will the military of Haiti take this message? As we used to say in my childhood, "just answer me this," or "these," someone.

Thank you as always for your lifeline to news and commentary.

Sincerely,

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