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DON FARMER: Just two days before the presidential candidates debate foreign policy issues, there are events around the world tonight that could have an impact on the debates and the campaign, and on this country.

Tonight, the Reagan Administration says an American intelligence plane monitoring arms movements by the Nicaraguan government has crashed into a mountain near San Salvador, in El Salvador.

Four American, quote, "CIA civilians," are said to have been killed.

Let's get more on that story now from Bernard Shaw, in Washington.

BERNARD SHAW: The White House tonight is confirming that crash. Let's go live to there and correspondent Mary Tillotson.

MARY TILLOTSON: Bernie, Administration officials say that four CIA employees, one of them a full-time regular employee at the agency, three of them freelancers working on the contract, all of them Americans, were killed early this morning when the reconnaissance plane in which they were flying crashed in heavy rain into the mountains outside San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador. There were no survivors in that crash.

Administration officials say that the plane was under

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contract both to the United States and the Salvadoran government. The mission of the CIA crew was to track the flow of arms supposedly coming from the Marxist Nicaraguan government into the country of El Salvador to the leftist rebels fighting the government there.

New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, told CNN this evening that he is satisfied the mission was within the guidelines acceptable to Congress.

SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN: This operation within El Salvador has been approved by the committees and funded by the Congress.

REPORTER: There was no relationship between what happened here and the covert war in Nicaragua?

SENATOR MOYNIHAN: No, sir, this has to do with the cessation of the foreign intervention in El Salvador.

TILLOTSON: Administration officials say the families of all those four CIA employees killed in the crash have now been identified about their family members' deaths, but no identities have been released by the government as yet.

Mary Tillotson, CNN, at the White House.

SHAW: And Walter Mondale took time off today from his debate preparation to hold a news conference outside his Washington home. The subject was the CIA handbook for Nicaraguan rebels.

Mondale demanded President Reagan take action.

WALTER MONDALE: The first is that he fire Bill Casey as the Director of the CIA before the Sunday debate so that we can get on with the necessary work of restoring the strength and the credibility of that crucial agency.

SHAW: Mondale says he does not believe the White House explanation that the manual was written by a low level CIA worker.