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MARGARET SOMERS: At a press conference today sponsored by the editors of the Covert Action Information Bulletin, it was announced that the State Department's 180-page white paper on El Salvador is the subject of a forthcoming book entitled "Philip Agee on the CIA in El Salvador," to be covered by Deep Cover Publications.

We get details from Karen Raper.

KAREN RAPER: The white papers are documents produced by the State Department that supposedly justify American aid to the Jose Duarte regime in El Salvador. Philip Agee's critique of the white papers on El Salvador is an in-depth analysis that refutes, document-by-document, sentence-by-sentence, the many portions of the white paper that Mr. Agee believes to be forgeries, mistranslations, and deliberately misleading analysis.

According to William Schaap (?), one of the co-editors of Deep Cover Publications, conclusions drawn by the State Department on the white papers are not proven satisfactorily in the white papers.

WILLIAM SCHAAP: The documents themselves do not prove the most fundamental of the charges. For example, one of the critical charges is the discussion of 800 tons of weapons and military equipment coming into El Salvador through Cuba and Nicaragua. Aside from the fact that a number of military experts have already spoken about what, in fact, a small amount of weapons some of these figures are -- 200 tons of weapons which were supposedly delivered, according to these documents, would be used up, according to the Pentagon, by one company in one week of fighting. But the fact is, if you read every single document in the white

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