

DIPLOMATIC DILEMMAS

Dilemma

You are President of the United States. To increase trade, you envision a canal that runs through central America. The canal will cut ships' travel time by shaving approximately 8000 miles and five months off a trip from NY to San Francisco. How will you convince a country in central America to let the U.S. build a canal and have access to it?

Solution

Dilemma

You are President of the United States. Several central American countries owe large sums of money to European countries. You are afraid that European countries will use this as a reason to invade and control the indebted central American countries, which will strengthen those European powers in the western hemisphere. How will you stop European countries from invading in the western hemisphere?

Solution

Dilemma

You are President of the United States. In Mexico, a general has taken power and imprisoned the former president; he will most likely be killed. A group of Mexicans have formed an army against the general and have taken control of several cities, but cannot gain control of Mexico City. You believe the general should not be in charge, what will you do?

Solution