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6:00 p.m. -- President meets with Ambassador Monday McNeil. - TENTATIVE - MAY NOT BRING BACK. FIRM < CABLES Late p.m. -- Presidential call to Prime Minister Thatcher to inform of our decision to take action.

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9:00 10:00 p.m. President consults with 4 Congressional leaders and offers full briefing at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday. Tuesday \$1 7:30 a.m. -- Presidential bilateral with Mrs Charles. - OVAL 8:00 a.m. -- President meets with Congressional leadership. and Clare 9:00 a.m. -- President and Mrs. Charles, joint public statement. President reassures American public; Mrs. Charles cites reason for OECS request, and expresses gratitude for U.S. action to support democracy and protect lives. 10:00 a.m. -- President briefs Cabinet Late p.m. -- Presidential statement in press room after situation is pacified? Milmon Elvoras of 1200 MED of wides to Cong less per powers sent on the you lan perlend

#### Presidential/National Security Action Assignments October 24, 1983 Monday 14:38:31

#### Monday, October 24, 1983

ASAP: Dispatch first Presidential Cabinet Office Message to Prime Minister Thatcher (Draft is complete, awaiting West Wing approval.)

Completed at 15:00 local time; sent to Thatcher.

6:00 PM Final dispatch to Prime Minister Thatcher.

Assigned to State for action (X5210)

Assigned to Roger Fontaine (NSC)

6:00 PM Final White House authorization to State for final notification to OECS states.

Assigned to Oliver North (NSC)

8:00 PM Presidential Meeting with six(6) Congressional leaders:
H. Baker, Byrd, Michael, Wright, Thurmond, O'Neil.
Offers full briefing at 8:00 AM Tuesday, October 25th.
Assigned to Duberstein (WHO) for Congressional liaison.
Assigned to Oliver North (NSC) and C. Menges for talking points.
Attendees: President, Vice President, Secretary Shultz,

: President, Vice President, Secretary Shultz, Secretary Weinberger, General John Vessey, Robert C. McFarlane

5:00 PM Review outgoing cables to other countries--Cuba, USSR, and US allies.

Assigned to North, Menges and Fontaine.

#### Tuesday, October 25, 1983

7:00 AM Legislative Strategy Group meeting in West Wing.
Assigned to Duberstein (WHO) and Kimmitt (NSC).

8:00 AM Presidential meeting with Congressional Leadership.
Assigned to 0. North and C. Menges for talking points.

9:00 AM Presidential Statement.
Call Presidential speech writers at 5:00 AM,
October 25, 1983 (Ben Elliot, Tony Dolan, or
Dana Rohrabacher)
Assigned to North and Menges; same talking points as
in the Congressional leadership meeting.

Joint President Reagan and Mrs. Charles (in Bridgetown)

> parss > landerly next statement. President assures American public; Mrs. Charles cites reasons for OECS request and requests U.S. for action to support democracy and protect lives.

10:00 AM President briefs Cabinet.
Assigned to Mr. Meese for notifications.

Late PM President addresses the nation.
Assigned to STATE to draft the message.
Assigned to R. Fontaine (NSC) to contact STATE to monitor status.

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SENSITIVE

National Security Decision Directive

# RESPONSE TO CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS' REQUEST TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY ON GRENDA

Following the October 13 coup on Grenda, the deaths of the Prime Minister, several Cabinet officials, and numerous citizens, the Organization of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) met on October 22 in Barbados. These Caribbean democratic nations have unanimously and formally resolved to form a multi-national Caribbean force to remove "the outline regime on Grenada" and restore democracy by any means, including force of arms. They have normally requested that the U.S., along with other friendly countries, provide help in accomplishing this objective. The recent violence and instablity have also created a situation which could seriously jeopardize the lives and safety of American citizens.

In response to the OECS request for U.S. participation in a multi-national effort to restore democracy on Grenada and to take prudent precautions to protect the lives and safety of American citizens, the following actions recommended by the Special Situation Group (SSG) are directed:

- o The Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Director of Central Intelligence, will land U.S. and allied Caribbean military forces in order to take control of Grenada, no later than dawn Tuesday, October 25, 1983. Collection of requisite military intelligence for this operation should proceed immediately by all necessary means. This operation has a three-fold objective:
  - -- Assuring the safety of American citizens on Grenada.
  - In conjunction with other OECS/friendly government participants, the restoration of democratic government on Grenada.
  - -- The elimination of current, and the prevention of further, Cuban intervention in Grenda. (T8)
- o The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary

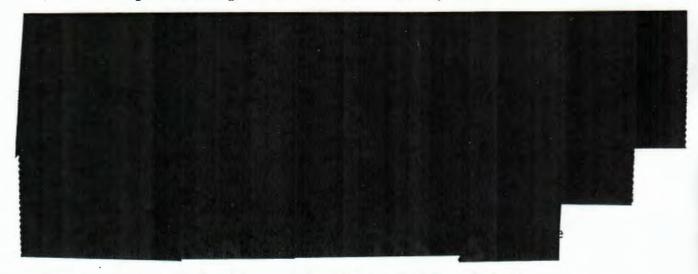
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of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Director of Central Intelligence, will assure diplomatic cooperation with the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and other friendly government. He will also inform Cuba and the Soviet Union of our actions at an appropriate time and provide for the safe passage from Grenada for their nationals. A coordinated legislative and public affairs strategy will be prepared which reflects:

- -- The multi-lateral character of our actions.
- -- The human rights abuses and repression of the current regime and the recent violence which potentially endangers U.S. lives.
- -- The democratic nature of the new government being formed by Grenadian leaders. (25)



In order to preserve the lives and safety of U.S. citizens on Grenada and military personnel involved in this operation, all agencies of the U.S. Government will maintain strictest security controls. Appropriate cover and deception measures are authorized to mislead the present Grenadian regime and the Cubans concerning our true intentions. In this regard, all senior USG officials should maintain normal schedules to the maximum extent practicable between now and the initiation of this operation.

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## D MINUS ONE

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## POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC

1000

Eagleburger alerts Ambassadors Kirkpatrick; Motley informs Middendorf

1200

OECS call for meetings of OAS Perm Council to convene on Wednesday, a meeting of consultation of Foreign Ministers to discuss situation on Grenada

1400

Planning conference of OECS forces in Bridgetown

1500

Ambassador Motley calls in UK Ambassador to inform him of our concern for safety of foreigners, concerns of Caribbean leaders for threat from military regime on Grenada, formation of government, US interest to cooperate with provisional government and Caribbean leaders to restore democracy in Grenada.

President will inform Ms. Thatcher when there is final decision. Cable text of message to Thatcher to London via Cabinet line.

1530

Ambassador Motley calls Canadian Ambassador and French Charge and briefs them on developing situation without indicating final decision

2400

Motley informs French and Canadians of decision

Special Emissary arrives with Mrs. Charles

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## D MINUS ONE (CONTINUED)



## MILITARY

## 0900 - 2400

- 1. Pre-position OECS troops Braceos
- 2. Planning continues
- 3. Forces moves as necessary

## 1800

- 1. Final go-ahead by President
- 2. Inform OECS of U. S. decision to assist; McNeil also informs/  $\nu$  Mrs. Charles; and Seaga informed in Kingston
- 3. Send second message informing Thatcher via Cabinet line
- 4. RN/USN naval coordination as appropriate

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS/CONGRESSIONAL

## 1200

If asked, White House spokesman announces that President has sent special envoy to meet with Caribbean leaders to consult about mutual concern over events in Grenada

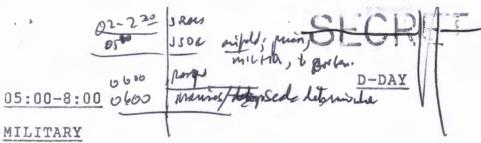
## 2000 - 2200

President consults with 6 Congressional leaders, offers to provide full briefing at 8 A.M.

## 2300

Public affairs meeting in Motley's office with Simms (White House), (Defense), (JCS), and Romberg (State)





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- 1. US Forces land: move to secure - Governor General, jails, radio station - protect Amcits, UK, Canadian nationals
- Send aircraft to Barbados to move Caribbean force

## POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC

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- Special Emissary in Bridgetown calls Caribbean leaders and representatives in for emergency meeting :
- US informs USSR (only in Moscow) of landing in Grenada and 2. offers to assure welfare of Soviet personnel in St. George
- 3. Advise Cuba of US effort to ensure Amcit safety; warn against interference; advise that Cuban nationals may leave on their freighter or on neutral civilian ships
- Inform UNSYG and UNSC President via cable to Kirkpatrick of 4. operation with Caribbean forces to return order to Grenada and ensure Amcit safety; intention to discuss in OAS
- Deliver messages to NATO, ANZUS, Japan, ROK, PRC, Latin American 5. nations
- Deliver specially tailored messages to Belize, Brazil, 6. Venezuela, Mexico, OAS, Canada and France
- Send message to all other posts 7.
- Eagleburger meets with Assistant Secretaries, H and PA to brief 8. them. ARA and PM will pick up.
- US diplomatic mission leaves for Bridgetown (some elements 9. already in place)

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS/CONGRESSIONAL

- Pass to VOA/BBC and Radio Antilles information for broadcast to Grenada to calm populace // Simms to Tomus
- Follow-up meeting on media to schedule backgrounders, TV 2. appearances, etc.
- Telephone calls to former Presidents (NSC action) prepared 0600 3.



## 8:00-10:00

## MILITARY

- Send first planning group of Caribbean forces, augmented by 1. Barbados Defense Forces, to Grenada as soon as feasible
- Begin assembling remainder of Caribbean forces in Bridgetown

## POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC

- Alternative democratic leadership moves to Grenada from 1. Bridgetown
- Arrange for evacuation of Amcits and UKcits who desire to leave 2.
- 3 .. Dominican Prime Minister Charles arrives. DAS Michel briefs Mrs. Charles on President's public statement and consults on her own statement
- 4. Special Emissary meets with Caribbean leaders and representatives in Bridgetown to explain undertaking; request statements of support and participation; suggest call for OAS meeting; suggest approach to OAS members, Socialist International, Christian Democratic Union

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS/CONGRESSIONAL

OVIL/OPPICE President meets with Mrs. Charles (0730) 1.

2. Congressional leadership meeting with President (0800)

- Presidential statement and statement by Mrs. Charles (0900) 3.
- Begin calling parents to inform them intention to to guarantee 4. Amcit security
- 5. Request meeting with Congressional Committees and Black Caucus
- 5. Eagleburger telephone calls to former Secretaries of State, labor leaders, etc.
- Telephone calls to Governors of Puerto Rico and U. S. Virgin Islands

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## 10:00-12:00

### MILITARY

1. US aircraft continue moving Caribbean forces to Grenada

## POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC

- 1. Democratic leadership formally request OECS assistance in restoring order
- Governor General issues call on OECS, HMG to assist in restoring peace
- 3. Brief Cabinet (1000)
- 4. Caribbean nations continue to press for emergency meeting of OAS for Wednesday; begin lobbying OAS members and brufing INT NEXT
  - 5. Caribbean nations approach Socialist International, Christian Democratic Union for support
  - 6. Assistant Secretaries with ARA and PM representatives brief selected ambassadors in Washington (UK, Canada, France and other OECD, CARICOM) at 1100. Call in head of OAS.
  - 7. U.S. consults with British and French on Caribbean nations request for assistance
  - AID/State establish assistance task force to determine Grenada recovery needs

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS/CONGRESSIONAL

- 1. Begin Congressional briefings of interested members, Black Caucus (perhaps with Mrs. Charles)
- 2. State and Defense press spokesmen issue Q's & A's
- 3. State backgrounder, subject to follow-up statement by President

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## D-DAY

12:00-14:00

## MILITARY

- 1. Remainder of Caribbean forces arrive in Grenada
  POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC
  - 1. US Mission and Special Envoy arrive in Bridgetown



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## D-DAY

## 14:00-16:00

## POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC

- 1. Governor General announces formation of a provisional government consisting of Democratic leaders; pledges restoration of democracy via free elections; dissolves PRA and requests continued U.S. and Caribbean force presence
- 2. Democratic leaders declare formation of a new government; promise to hold free elections; endorse OAS proposal

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS/CONGRESSIONAL

- Inform press they will probably be allowed into Grenada on Wednesday if conditions are assured
- Send report to Congress describing necessity, legal authority and estimated scope and duration of our intervention (War Powers, section 4(a), at 1600
- 3. Tentative follow-up statement by President



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