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9. memo	Donald Fortier to Robert McFarlane re message to	11/3/83	P1
10. draft	the British, 1p. (7928) 7/z/06 598-002 #405 McFarlane to Sir Robert Armstrong 2p.		P1
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EXTRACT FROM TRANSCRIPT OF PRIME MINISTER'S INTERVIEW WITH SIR ALASTAIR BURNET: LEBANON

- Q. Prime Minister, now that our allies seem to be having second thoughts about their troops, isn't it time to call it a day and withdraw from the Lebanon?
- A. No, I don't think you make sudden decisions like that. For quite some time we've been trying to get an expanded role for United Nations forces. When I was in New York in September I spoke to Mr Perez de Cuellar about it and again our Ambassador in New York was active just before Christmas. He's active again now and the Foreign Office have called in representatives from Embassies in London. But before we leave I think we've got to make alternative arrangements, particularly in the Beigut area and the obvious thinking is to get a better role and an expanded role for the United Nations forces.
- Q. Do you expect to have talks with the other Western Prime Ministers?
- A. The Foreign Ministers do meet quite frequently and officials meet even more frequently. The point is I think we must act together and we can't just come out of the Beirut area and leave a vacuum there. You remember how terrible it was before the multinational force went in and if there was terrible slaughter again, we should all feel very, very guilty indeed that we hadn't made proper alternative arrangements and I think most people would agree that that was the right way to go about it.
- Q. But isn't there a risk that British troops will be slaughtered?
- A. British troops are very, very highly thought of in Beirut. Well, I think you know that, you've seen it frequently and displayed it frequently on television. We have only a hundred and ten there. We couldn't go down to any lower number because they wouldn't have the number both to do the job and to defend themselves. They have protected Beirut. They go out and about on tours in scout cars. They're very widely welcomed by the Beirut people and they actually protect the building where the ceasefire talks constantly take place.
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TO THE WHITE HOUSE

SECRET SENSITIVE VIA PRIVACY CHANNELS

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EYES ONLY FOR AMBASSADOR MCFARLANE FROM AMBASSADOR PRICE

- 1. BUD: MANY THANKS FOR THE RECENT INFORMATION ON THE PRESIDENT'S EXCHANGE WITH PRIME MINISTER THATCHER ON GRENADA. WOULD YOU ALSO PROVIDE ME THE EXACT TIMES THESE EXCHANGES WERE SENT BY THE WHITE HOUSE AND YOUR ESTIMATE OF THEIR TIME OF RECEIPT BY THE P.M.
- 2. LEBANON RETALIATION. UNDERSTAND THERE WERE FOUR MESSAGES BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE P.M. ON THIS SUBJECT, TWO ON NOVEMBER 14 AND TWO ON NOVEMBER 18. IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPIES INDICATING TIME OF TRANSMISSION AND RECEIPT.
- 3. U.S-ISRAELI SECURITY AGREEMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY ON NSDD 111 OR OTHER RECENT DIRECTIVES DEALING WITH THE LEBANESE SITUATION AND ARAB-ISRAEL MATTERS. IT WOULD HELP IF I COULD GET COPIES OF THESE ROUTINELY FOR MY OWN BACKGROUND INFORMATION ONLY.

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DELIVER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS WHØ9391 SECTION Ø1 OF Ø2 DECEMBER 12, 1983

EYES ONLY FOR THE AMBASSADOR

FROM: AMBASSADOR MCFARLANE

- 1. AS I PROMISED, QUOTED BELOW ARE THE CABLES FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER ON GRENADA.
- 2. BEGIN TEXT OF FIRST MESSAGE:

OCTOBER 24, 1983

DEAR MARGARET,

I HAVE FOLLOWED CLOSELY THE POLITICAL TURMOIL IN GRENADA IN RECENT DAYS. I KNOW THAT YOU SHARE MY CONCERN FOR THE IMPACT WHICH THE KILLING OF THE LEADERSHIP THERE HAS HAD ON OUR FRIENDS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. PARTICULARLY

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ON THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS OF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN STATES. THE PROSPECT THAT THE BLOOD-STAINED GROUP WHO APPEAR TO BE THE ONLY AUTHORITY ON THE ISLAND COULD PERPETUATE THEIR POWER ALSO RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF GRENADA THEMSELVES, AS WELL AS OUR OWN NATIONALS RESIDENT THERE.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES (OECS) HAVE RAISED SIMILAR CONCERNS WHICH ARE. OF COURSE. MAGNIFIED BY THEIR PROXIMITY TO AND LIMITED ABILITY TO DEFEND THE MSELVES AGAINST THE THREAT WHICH GRENADA NOW POSES. THEY HAVE A WELL FOUNDED FEAR OF AGGRESSION BY OR SUBVERSION FROM GRENADA, OR THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEIR OWN DEMOCRATICALLY-CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENTS MAY BE CHALLENGED BY SOME WHO MIGHT SEEK TO IMITATE THE EXAMPLE SET BY GENERAL AUSTIN AND THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY IF THIS SITUATION IS NOT RECTIFIED. THE NATIONS OF THE OECS HAVE UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO PURSUE A COLLECTIVE SECURITY EFFORT TO RESTORE PEACE AND ORDER IN GRENADA AND HAVE FORMALLY REQUESTED UNITED STATES SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT A SIMILAR REQUEST WAS TO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT.

I AM WRITING TO INFORM YOU THAT I AM GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE OECS REQUEST. ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1983. I DISPATCHED A SPECIAL EMISSARY. AMBASSADOR FRANCIS MCNEIL, TO BRIDGETOWN TO CONFER WITH PRIME MINISTER ADAMS AND OTHER OECS AND CARIBBEAN LEADERS REGARDING THEIR PLANS. UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY ASSEMBLED FORCES IN BARBADOS FROM THE VARIOUS ISLAND NATIONS. AMBASSADOR MCNEIL HAS INFORMED PRIME MINISTER ADAMS THAT THE UNITED STATES FIRMLY ENDORSES THE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES OF THEIR PROPOSED OPERATION: NAMELY, TO RESTORE ORDER AND SECURITY SO AS TO PERMIT THE FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD HOLD EARLY ELECTIONS.

WE BELIEVE THAT HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNOR GENERAL IN GRENADA COULD BE A KEY FIGURE IN THIS OPERATION. SINCE HE IS THE ONLY REMAINING VOICE OF LEGITIMACY ON THE ISLAND AND SHOULD BE THE

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ONE WHO DESIGNATES A NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. SUCH A GOVERNMENT COULD BE FORMED SHORTLY AFTER THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY FORCE LANDS IN GRENADA. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS BE HELD AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO RE-ESTABLISH A TRULY DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

AMBASSADOR MCNEIL HAS ALSO CONSULTED WITH THE CARIBBEAN STATES ON THEIR INTENTION TO REQUEST AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. IN WHICH THEY WOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN SEEKING AN ENDORSEMENT OF THEIR COLLECTIVE SECURITY EFFORT.

I WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS ON THESE MATTERS. I KNOW THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF ANY ROLE THE UNITED STATES MAY DECIDE TO PLAY IN SUPPORT OF THE ISLAND NATIONS OF THE CARIBBEAN. I WILL, THEREFORE, UNDERTAKE TO INFORM YOU IN ADVANCE SHOULD OUR FORCES TAKE PART IN THE PROPOSED COLLECTIVE SECURITY FORCE. OR OF WHATEVER POLITICAL OR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS WE PLAN TO PURSUE. IT IS OF SOME ASSURANCE TO KNOW THAT I CAN COUNT ON YOUR ADVICE AND SUPPORT ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

BEGIN TEXT OF SECOND MESSAGE:

DEAR MARGARET,

IN A MESSAGE TO YOU EARLIER TODAY. I EXPRESSED MY DESIRE TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THE UNITED STATES' RESPONSE TO A FORMAL REQUEST BY THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES (OECS) TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN A COLLECTIVE SECURITY EFFORT TO RESTORE PEACE, ORDER, AND DEMOCRACY IN GRENADA. I HAVE DECIDED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THIS REQUEST. I UNDERSTAND THAT BARBADOS AND JAMAICA HAVE ALSO RESPONDED FAVORABLY.

OUR FORCES WILL ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN GRENADA. THE COLLECTIVE CARIBBEAN SECURITY FORCE WILL DISEMBARK ON GRENADA SHORTLY

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THEREAFTER. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS INFORMA-TION TO THE SECURITY OF THESE OPERATIONS AND THE SAFETY OF MILITARY PERSONNEL.

WE WILL INFORM YOU OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR. OTHER ALLIES WILL BE APPRISED OF OUR ACTIONS AFTER THEY ARE BEGUN.

I EXPECT THAT A NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORMED IN GRENADA SHORTLY AFTER THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY FORCE ARRIVES. WE HOPE THAT HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WILL JOIN US BY EXTENDING SUPPORT TO GRENADA'S NEW LEADERS. THE UNITED KINGDOM CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN STRENGTHENING THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S POSITION BY OFFERING POLITICAL SUPPORT AND BY PROVIDING A PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

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3. BEGIN TEXT OF THIRD MESSAGE:

DEAR MARGARET,

1 APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON GRENADA. I HAVE · WEIGHED VERY CAREFULLY THE ISSUES YOU HAVE RAISED AND HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS.

I CONTINUE TO BE GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE OF OUR CITIZENS. THE VIOLENT EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS HAVE CAUSED A LARGE NUMBER OF THEM TO SEEK ANY POSSIBLE MEANS OF EVACUATION. GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNING MILITARY COUNCIL. AND ITS PROVEN BRUTALITY, WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT THE SITUATION -WILL HOLD MUCH LONGER. I WELL APPRECIATE THE DANGERS INHERENT IN A MILITARY OPERATION TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF THESE CITIZENS. BUT, ON BALANCE, I SEE THIS AS THE LESSER OF TWO RISKS. IN THIS REGARD YOU MAY BE SURE THAT WE WILL COMPLY FULLY WITH YOUR REQUEST THAT WE SAFEGUARD ALL BRITISH CITIZENS. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION HAS GONE INTO OUR OPERATIONAL PLANNING TO

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PROTECT THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

ON OCTOBER 23 I RECEIVED A FORMAL REQUEST IN WRITING FROM THE OECS ASKING FOR OUR SUPPORT FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO STABILIZE THE SITUATION IN GRENADA. JAMAICA AND BARBADOS HAVE GIVEN THEIR STRONG SUPPORT. QUITE FRANKLY, THIS REQUEST HAS WEIGHED HEAVILY IN MY CONSIDERATION ON WHETHER TO COMMIT US FORCES. WITH SO CLEAR AN EXPRESSION OF THE WILL OF THE NATIONS OF THE REGION I WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN EITHER TO THEM OR TO OTHERS WHO DEPEND UPON US WHY WE HAD NOT ACTED.

FINALLY, I HAVE ALSO WEIGHED U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS IN MY DECISION. AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY CONCERNED BY GRENADA'S RECENT DRIFT INTO THE SOVIET BLOC. THE POLITICAL DEVELOP-MENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS HAVE DONE NOTHING TO EASE OUR CONCERNS. TO THE CONTRARY. IT IS CLEAR THAT GRENADA HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN OVER BY A GROUP OF LEFTIST THUGS WHO WOULD LIKELY ALIGN THEMSELVES WITH CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION TO AN EVEN GREATER DEGREE THAN DID THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT. THE ARRIVAL MONDAY IN GRENADA OF A HIGH LEVEL CUBAN DELEGATION HIGHLIGHTS THIS CONCERN. THE ALTERNATIVE TO DECISIVE ACTION ON OUR PART MAY. WELL BE TO ALLOW THE IMPOSITION BY THE CUBANS OF A REGIME WHOSE ACTIONS WOULD BE EVEN MORE INIMICAL TO OUR INTERESTS. IN OUR VIEW, RELYING UPON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SANCTIONS WOULD PROVIDE TIME FOR CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION TO CONSOLIDATE THE POSITION OF THE NEW REGIME.

AGAIN, I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS; I SHARE MANY OF YOUR CONCERNS. BUT BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE OUTWEIGHED BY THE FACTORS OUTLINED ABOVE. I WOULD HOPE THAT AS WE PROCEED, IN COOPERATION WITH THE OECS COUNTRIES. WE WOULD HAVE THE ACTIVE COOPERATION OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT AND, IN PARTICULAR. THAT THE GOVERNOR GENERAL WILL EXERCISE HIS CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS TO FORM AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD RESTORE DEMOCRACY TO GRENADA AND FACILITATE THE RAPID DEPARTURE OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES.

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DEAR MARGARET,

I HAVE FOLLOWED CLOSELY THE POLITICAL TURMOIL IN GRENADA IN RÉCENT DAYS. I KNOW THAT YOU SHARE MY CONCERN FOR THE IMPACT WHICH THE KILLING OF THE LEADERSHIP THERE HAS HAD ON OUR FRIENDS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, PARTICULARLY ON THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS OF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN STATES. THE PROSPECT THAT THE BLOOD-STAINED GROUP WHO APPEAR TO BE THE ONLY AUTHORITY ON THE ISLAND COULD PERPETUATE THEIR POWER ALSO RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF GRENADA THEMSELVES, AS WELL AS OUR OWN NATIONALS RESIDENT THERE.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES (OECS) HAVE RAISED SIMILAR CONCERNS WHICH ARE, OF COURSE, MAGNIFIED BY THEIR PROXIMITY TO AND LIMITED ABILITY TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST THE THREAT WHICH GRENADA NOW POSES. THEY HAVE A WELL FOUNDED FEAR OF AGGRESSION BY OR SUBVERSION FROM GRENADA, OR THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEIR OWN DEMOCRATICALLY-CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENTS MAY BE CHALLENGED BY SOME WHO MIGHT SEEK TO IMITATE THE EXAMPLE SET BY GENERAL AUSTIN AND THE

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PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY IF THIS SITUATION IS NOT RECTIFIED. THE NATIONS OF THE OECS HAVE UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO PURSUE A COLLECTIVE SECURITY EFFORT TO RESTORE PEACE AND ORDER IN GRENADA AND HAVE FORMALLY REQUESTED UNITED STATES SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT A SIMILAR REQUEST WAS TO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT.

I AM WRITING TO INFORM YOU THAT I AM GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE OECS REQUEST. ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23. 1983, I DISPATCHED A SPECIAL EMISSARY, AMBASSADOR FRANCIS MCNEIL, TO BRIDGETOWN TO CONFER WITH PRIME MINISTER ADAMS AND OTHER OECS AND CARIBBEAN LEADERS REGARDING THEIR PLANS. UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY ASSEMBLED FORCES IN BARBADOS FROM THE VARIOUS ISLAND NATIONS. AMBASSADOR MCNEIL HAS INFORMED PRIME MINISTER ADAMS THAT THE UNITED STATES FIRMLY ENDORSES THE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES OF THEIR PROPOSED OPERATION, NAMELY, TO RESTORE ORDER AND SECURITY SO AS TO PERMIT THE FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD HOLD EARLY ELECTIONS.

WE BELIEVE THAT HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNOR GENERAL IN GRENADA COULD BE A KEY FIGURE IN THIS OPERATION, SINCE HE IS THE ONLY REMAINING VOICE OF LEGITIMACY ON THE ISLAND AND SHOULD BE THE ONE WHO DESIGNATES A NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. GOVERNMENT COULD BE FORMED SHORTLY AFTER THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY FORCE LANDS IN GRENADA. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS BE HELD AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO RE-ESTABLISH A TRULY DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

AMBASSADOR MCNEIL HAS ALSO CONSULTED WITH THE CARIBBEAN STATES ON THEIR INTENTION TO REQUEST AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, IN WHICH THEY WOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN SEEKING AN ENDORSEMENT OF THEIR COLLECTIVE SECURITY EFFORT.

I WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS ON THESE MATTERS. I KNOW THAT YOU WOULD WANT TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF ANY ROLE THE UNITED

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STATES MAY DECIDE TO PLAY IN SUPPORT OF THE ISLAND NATIONS
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IN ADVANCE SHOULD OUR FORCES TAKE PART IN THE PROPOSED COLLECTIVE
SECURITY FORCE, OR OF WHATEVER POLITICAL OR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS
WE PLAN TO PURSUE. IT IS OF SOME ASSURANCE TO KNOW THAT I CAN
COUNT ON YOUR ADVICE AND SUPPORT ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

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DEAR MARGARET.

IN A MESSAGE TO YOU EARLIER TODAY, I EXPRESSED MY DESIRE TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THE UNITED STATES' RESPONSE TO A FORMAL REQUEST BY THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES (OECS) TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN A COLLECTIVE SECURITY EFFORT TO RESTORE PEACE. ORDER. AND DEMOCRACY IN GRENADA. I HAVE DECIDED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THIS REQUEST. I UNDERSTAND THAT BARBADOS AND JAMAICA HAVE ALSO RESPONDED FAVORABLY.

OUR FORCES WILL ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN GRENADA. THE COLLECTIVE CARIBBEAN SECURITY FORCE WILL DISEMBARK ON GRENADA SHORTLY THEREAFTER. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS INFORMA-TION TO THE SECURITY OF THESE OPERATIONS AND THE SAFETY OF MILITARY PERSONNEL.

WE WILL INFORM YOU OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR. OTHER ALLIES WILL BE APPRISED OF OUR ACTIONS AFTER THEY ARE BEGUN.

I EXPECT THAT A NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORMED IN GRENADA SHORTLY AFTER THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY FORCE ARRIVES. WE

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HOPE THAT HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WILL JOIN US BY EXTENDING SUPPORT TO GRENADA'S NEW LEADERS. THE UNITED KINGDOM CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN STRENGTHENING THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S POSITION BY OFFERING POLITICAL SUPPORT AND BY PROVIDING A PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

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TO CABINET OFFICE

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DEAR MARGARET,

I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON GRENADA. I HAVE WEIGHED VERY CAREFULLY THE ISSUES YOU HAVE RAISED AND HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS.

I CONTINUE TO BE GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE OF OUR CITIZENS. THE VIOLENT EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS HAVE CAUSED A LARGE NUMBER OF THEM TO SEEK ANY POSSIBLE MEANS OF EVACUATION. GIVEN THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNING MILITARY COUNCIL, AND ITS PROVEN BRUTALITY. WE ARE NOT SANGUINE THAT THE SITUATION WILL HOLD MUCH LONGER. I WELL APPRECIATE THE DANGERS INHERENT IN A MILITARY OPERATION TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF THESE CITIZENS. BUT, ON BALANCE, I SEE THIS AS THE LESSER OF TWO RISKS. IN THIS REGARD YOU MAY BE SURE THAT WE WILL COMPLY FULLY WITH YOUR REQUEST THAT WE SAFEGUARD ALL BRITISH CITIZENS. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION HAS GONE INTO OUR OPERATIONAL PLANNING TO PROTECT THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

ON OCTOBER 23 I RECEIVED A FORMAL REQUEST IN WRITING FROM THE OECS ASKING FOR OUR SUPPORT FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO STABILIZE THE

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SITUATION IN GRENADA. JAMAICA AND BARBADOS HAVE GIVEN THEIR STRONG SUPPORT. QUITE FRANKLY, THIS REQUEST HAS WEIGHED HEAVILY IN MY CONSIDERATION ON WHETHER TO COMMIT US FORCES. WITH SO CLEAR AN EXPRESSION OF THE WILL OF THE NATIONS OF THE REGION I WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN EITHER TO THEM OR TO OTHERS WHO DEPEND UPON US WHY WE HAD NOT ACTED.

FINALLY, I HAVE ALSO WEIGHED U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS IN MY DECISION. AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY CONCERNED BY GRENADA'S RECENT DRIFT INTO THE SOVIET BLOC. THE POLITICAL DEVELOP-MENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS HAVE DONE NOTHING TO EASE OUR CONCERNS. TO THE CONTRARY, IT IS CLEAR THAT GRENADA HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN OVER BY A GROUP OF LEFTIST THUGS WHO WOULD LIKELY ALIGN THEMSELVES WITH CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION TO AN EVEN GREATER DEGREE THAN DID THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT. THE ARRIVAL MONDAY IN GRENADA OF A HIGH LEVEL CUBAN DELEGATION HIGHLIGHTS THIS CONCERN. THE ALTERNATIVE TO DECISIVE ACTION ON OUR PART MAY WELL BE TO ALLOW THE IMPOSITION BY THE CUBANS OF A REGIME WHOSE ACTIONS WOULD BE EVEN MORE INIMICAL TO OUR INTERESTS. IN OUR VIEW, RELYING UPON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SANCTIONS WOULD PROVIDE TIME FOR CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION TO CONSOLIDATE THE POSITION OF THE NEW REGIME.

AGAIN, I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS: I SHARE MANY OF YOUR CONCERNS, BUT BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE OUTWEIGHED BY THE FACTORS: OUTLINED ABOVE. ! WOULD HOPE THAT AS WE PROCEED. IN COOPERATION WITH THE OECS COUNTRIES. WE WOULD HAVE THE ACTIVE COOPERATION OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT AND, IN PARTICULAR, THAT THE GOVERNOR GENERAL WILL EXERCISE HIS CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS TO FORM AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD RESTORE DEMOCRACY TO GRENADA AND FACILITATE THE RAPID DEPARTURE OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES.

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British Concerns About Consultations on Lebanese Retaliation

According to Charge Price, the British are worried by the lack of consultations and notification by the French prior to their attacks in Lebanon and are concerned that this will have a spillover effect in U.S.-UK relations.

o Thatcher's private secretary, Robin Cook, has told us that she is anxious to have word from Washington about our intentions in Lebanon.

Price believes that if we continue to consult fully with the British they are likely to remain in the MNF and in accord publicly with our goals in Lebanon.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM:

DONALD R. FORTIER

SUBJECT:

Message to the British

I'm attaching the draft message to Sir Robert Armstrong which you requested. Mrs. Thatcher's public recriminations were not only politically quite unhelpful, but also unusually severe and even insulting. Moreover, I sense such remarks will only embolden -rather than placate -- the European disarmament forces whose political vigor we and the British both have an interest in containing. To visit such criticism upon us in the immediate aftermath of Beirut was, I think, particularly unseemly. tone of the draft is quite firm. I think, though, that straight talk is not only called for but necessary for preventing further misunderstandings.

Peter Sommer and Jack Matlock reluctantly concur, but question whether the letter will reap the desired benefits. They strongly prefer that you convey the same points orally to Armstrong on the secure phone.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the attached message for transmission.

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Tab A

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DRAFT MESSAGE

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

TO: SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Via Cabinet

While we genuinely regret that circumstances did not permit more timely consultations, I must tell you in all candor that the British Government's public reaction to our effort to restore democracy and order to Grenada has caused us profound disappointment. The Prime Minister's statement on 30 October that "Western democracies. . .do not use force to move into other people's countries" was unusually harsh. The infliction of such public criticism by one of our closest allies during a moment of national anguish over the tragedy in Beirut was doubly wounding.

In such circumstances it is only natural for thoughtful Americans to reflect on the dissimilarity between U.S. support for the U.K. during the Falklands War, support which we knowingly understood would make relationships with our hemispheric neighbors far more difficult, and the U.K.'s posture toward the U.S. when we determined that our national interests were jeopardized as a result of developments close to our own shores.

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We make a critical distinction between strong private differences and public recrimination. We deeply respect the careful and profoundly well-informed views of your government on a broad array of questions. But public differences only serve to diminish British-American solidarity which has served our mutual interests so well. Moreover, public disagreements create opportunities for our adversaries to exploit these differences and make it easier for countries such as Syria and others to miscalculate our resolve.

I send this message not to prolong our differences but out of the hope that frankness can clear the air on both sides. We sincerely hope now that you have had an opportunity to examine the threat to the safety of our citizens and the firm evidence concerning Soviet/Cuban objectives that you will be able to support us publicly.

Governor General Scoon and the regional states will be taking the lead in meeting our common objectives of restoring democracy and security. We hope to have the support of HMG in supporting this regional effort.





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TO CABINET OFFICE

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NOVEMBER 7, 1983

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

TO:

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

WHILE WE GENUINELY REGRET THAT CIRCUMSTANCES DID NOT PERMIT MORE TIMELY CONSULTATIONS, I MUST TELL YOU IN ALL CANDOR THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC REACTION TO OUR EFFORT TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY AND ORDER TO GRENADA HAS CAUSED US PROFOUND DISAPPOINTMENT. THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON 30 OCTOBER THAT "WESTERN DEMOCRACIES. . . DO NOT USE FORCE TO MOVE INTO OTHER PEOPLE'S COUNTRIES" WAS UNUSUALLY HARSH. THE INFLICTION OF SUCH PUBLIC CRITICISM BY ONE OF OUR CLOSEST ALLIES DURING A MOMENT OF NATIONAL ANGUISH OVER THE TRAGEDY IN BEIRUT WAS DOUBLY WOUNDING.

IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS ONLY NATURAL FOR THOUGHTFUL AMERICANS TO REFLECT ON THE DISSIMILARITY BETWEEN U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE U.K. DURING THE FALKLANDS WAR, SUPPORT WHICH WE KNOWINGLY

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WE MAKE A CRITICAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN STRONG PRIVATE DIFFERENCES AND PUBLIC RECRIMINATION. WE DEEPLY RESPECT THE CAREFUL AND PROFOUNDLY WELL-INFORMED VIEWS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT ON A BROAD ARRAY OF QUESTIONS. BUT PUBLIC DIFFERENCES ONLY SERVE TO DIMINISH BRITISH-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY WHICH HAS SERVED OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS SO WELL. MOREOVER, PUBLIC DISAGREEMENTS CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR ADVERSARIES TO EXPLOIT THESE DIFFERENCES AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR COUNTRIES SUCH AS SYRIA AND OTHERS TO MISCALCULATE OUR RESOLVE.

I SEND THIS MESSAGE NOT TO PROLONG OUR DIFFERENCES BUT OUT OF THE HOPE THAT FRANKNESS CAN CLEAR THE AIR ON BOTH SIDES. WE SINCERELY HOPE NOW THAT YOU HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THE THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS AND THE FIRM EVIDENCE CONCERNING SOVIET/CUBAN OBJECTIVES THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT US PUBLICLY.

GOVERNOR GENERAL SCOON AND THE REGIONAL STATES WILL BE TAKING THE LEAD IN MEETING OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES OF RESTORING DEMOCRACY AND SECURITY. WE HOPE TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF HMG IN SUPPORTING THIS REGIONAL EFFORT. ΒT

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RECOMMENDED PHONE CALL

TO:

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of

England

DATE:

October 26, 1983

RECOMMENDED BY:

ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

PURPOSE:

To consult about the Grenada situation and its implications for our wider interests.

BACKGROUND:

The British have been unhappy over what they consider lack of advance consultations with regard to Grenada. Mrs. Thatcher has made her unhappiness known to you in a phone call and by message. As we move into the next phase in Grenada it is crucial that Britain support us, particularly in regard to the establishment of an interim government. Britain's stance will also influence the position of European governments. A brief phone call should help smooth over differences and pay longer term dividends.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- 1. Appreciated the opportunity to correspond and discuss personally Grenada. Understand your concerns. Governor General is safe.
- Even though we disagreed with some of your Falklands position, we understood the broader imperative of standing behind a key Ally with fundamental interests at stake. hope we can count on your support. We cannot let a fissure develop between us. Ιf transatlantic differences emerge our enemies could exploit them.
- In the case of Grenada, important U.S. and world interests are at stake. Also vitally concerned about the welfare of U.S. citizens. Moreover, had to honor a request for help and support from our Caribbean friends.
- In the days ahead Britain's role will be critical as Grenada returns to democracy. We need your government's active cooperation in assisting an interim government. I have asked George Shultz to discuss our plans in detail on the margins of MNF Foreign Ministers Meeting in Paris later this week.

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October 25, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

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FROM:

PETER R. SOMMER

SUBJECT:

Recommended Phone Call to Margaret Thatcher

I recognize that in dealing with the Grenada situation immediate relations with our European Allies must be secondary. However, after reviewing the exchange of correspondence between the President and Mrs. Thatcher I believe the President should again call her to protect our long term interests both in the Caribbean and Europe.

When I discussed this earlier in the day with John Poindexter and Bob Kimmitt, they both felt that in light of the President having already spoken and corresponded with Mrs. Thatcher a phone call was not necessary.

I recognize how burdened the President is, but I believe a phone call is well worth the few minutes it would take. As we move to some form of interim government in Grenada the British will have a crucial role to play. Moreover, on non-European issues the Europeans normally consult within the EC context and look to the EC country with the most direct interests -- in this case the U.K. -- in formulating their position. Furthermore, I believe there is a Commonwealth Conference coming up in the next few weeks where the U.K.'s role will be important. So let's call Mrs. Thatcher. In my view, we need the President's personal touch.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the recommended telephone call at Tab I.

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BURT SAID THE MORNING NEWS ALSO REPORTED THE DISCOVERY OF A MASS GRAVE WHICH MAY CONTAIN THE MISSING POLITICAL PRISONERS AND PERHAPS THE BODY OF BISHOP.

DEPSEC SAID THAT THE SITUATION IN GRENADA WAS SPECIAL.

4. THE U.S. WAS ANXIOUS, DAM SAID, TO LIMIT THE EXTENT OF THE PRECEDENT SET BY EVENTS IN GRENADA IN ORDER TO AVOID ENCOURAGING THE SOVIETS TO DO LIKEWISE. AT THE SAME TIME, SOME U.S. COMMENTATORS WILL SEE ADVANTAGE IN MAKING THE "COMANDANTES" IN NICARAGUA UNCERTAIN ABOUT U.S. INTENTIONS. WHILE SENATOR BAKER PRIVATELY WOULD OPPOSE A U.S. ACTION AGAINST NICARAGUA, HE WOULD NOT WANT TO RESTRAIN THE PRESIDENT PUBLICLY. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER, HOWEVER, THAT THE AMERICAN STUDENTS IN GRENADA CONSIDERED THEMSELVES IN DANGER, DEPSEC SAID. CONGRESSMEN FOLEY AND BARNES BOTH RECOGNIZED PUBLICLY THIS CONCERN IN STATEMENTS

DAM RESPONDED THAT OUR CONSUL HAD SEEN SOME 400 STUDENTS, ALL OF WHOM WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SAFETY. SOME SMALL BOATS HAD PUT TO SEA AND ONLY SMALL PLANES WERE FLYING DURING THE WEEKEND PRIOR TO THE ACTION. ALSO, HE RECALLED THAT THERE WAS A "SHOOT-ON-SIGHT" CURFEW, WITH SHOPS OPEN ONLY A FEW HOURS DAILY AND LOOTING TAKING PLACE.

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5. DAM STRESSED THAT ACTION WAS TAKEN FIRST BY THE OECS, AND THAT THE U.S. HAD RESPONDED TO A REQUEST FROM THEM AND THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

DEPSEC SAID WE HAD LEARNED FROM ADAMS THAT
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL HAD MADE A REQUEST FOR HELP. THE
GOVERNOR GENERAL HAD BEEN RESCUED FROM HIS HOUSE,
WHICH WAS SURROUNDED BY CUBAN TROOPS. BURT NOTED THERE
WAS DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECURITY,
CONSIDERABLE SHOOTING SURROUNDED THE RESCUE OPERATION.
DEPSEC NOTED THAT ONLY ON WEDNESDAY WAS THE GOVERNOR
GENERAL'S REQUEST DISCLOSED. HE SAID THE U.S. BELIEVED
IT HAD A VERY GOOD LEGAL CASE, BASED ON THE OECS-REQUEST
AND THAT OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

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DEPSEC RESPONDED THAT THE U.S.

HAD A FORMAL REQUEST ON MONDAY, FOLLOWING A MORE GENERAL
REQUEST ON FRIDAY. SPECIFICALLY, IT WAS AN ORAL REQUEST
FROM THE OECS. ON TUESDAY, PRIME MINISTER CHARLES,
CHAIRMAN OF THE OECS, CONFIRMED THE OECS POSITION.
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- 7. DEPSEC REGRETTED THE DIFFICULTY THE PRIME MINISTER WAS PLACED IN. HE NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE BRITISH EMBASSY BEFORE THE ACTION, THAT NEWSPAPERS WERE FULL OF STORIES ABOUT THE SITUATION THERE AND THAT WE HAD CONSULTED ONLY WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. BECAUSE OF THE DANGER OF PRESS LEAKS, THE WHOLE MATTER HAD BEEN VERY CLOSELY HELD IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. HE RECALLED HOW MANY DIFFICULTIES HAD BEEN CREATED BY THE LEAK OF OUR EFFORTS TO PROTECT NIMERI.
- 8. DEPSEC SAID WE HAD NEVER HEARD ABOUT THE COMMUNICATIONS.
 FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL TO THE PALACE ON SUNDAY, AND ASKED ABOUT THE MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM THE OECS.

DAM SAID THAT WE BECAME PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WHEN WE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM OUR CONSUL ABOUT TEENAGERS BRANDISHING GUNS AT THE AIRPORT WHICH LED OUR PLANE TO TAKE OFF AGAIN. MOREDVER, IT BECAME CLEAR FROM REPORTS WE HAD THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY ON THE ISLAND TO MOVE WITH SAFETY.

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AGREED, AND NOTED THAT WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT MOST STATES AROUND GRENADA ARE DEMOCRACIES THAT FUNCTION WELL. THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, HE UNDERSTOOD, WAS LOOKING FOR GOOD PEOPLE.

13. IN ANY CASE, DAM SAID, THE U.S. WANTS TO LEAVE GRENADA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE RANGERS AND MARINES ALREADY HAD LEFT, THOUGH ABOUT 500 ENGINEERS HAD LANDED TO ASSIST IN RECONSTRUCTION. THE U.S. WAS GIVING 3.25 MILLION DOLLARS IN EMERGENCY INFRASTRUCTURE AID. MOREOVER, THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, AND WE HOPE THAT ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE LOOKING TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND TO THE OECS TO GET ON WITH THIS PROCESS AND WE DO NOT WANT TO TELL THEM HOW TO DO THE JOB. WE INTEND TO BE GUIDED BY THE PROPOSALS OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND THE OECS.

14. DEPSEC NOTED THAT 91 PERCENT OF GRENADIANS SUPPORTED THE ACTION. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHOWED THAT BISHOP WAS BEING ATTACKED BY LEFTISTS, WHO CLEARLY FEARED THAT THEY WERE BECOMING ALIENATED.

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HOWE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE BRITISH COULD ASSIST WITH THE ELECTIONS IN GRENADA, AND DAM SAID HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE VERY USEFUL. BURT RECALLED THAT A BRITISH CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERT ALREADY WAS IN GRENADA AND HOWE SAID THAT THE BRITISH WERE HELPING WITH THE POLICE FORCE.

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DAM THOUGHT HOWE'S POINT A VALID ONE, AND SAID THAT IT WAS THE U.S. DISPOSITION TO WITHDRAW.

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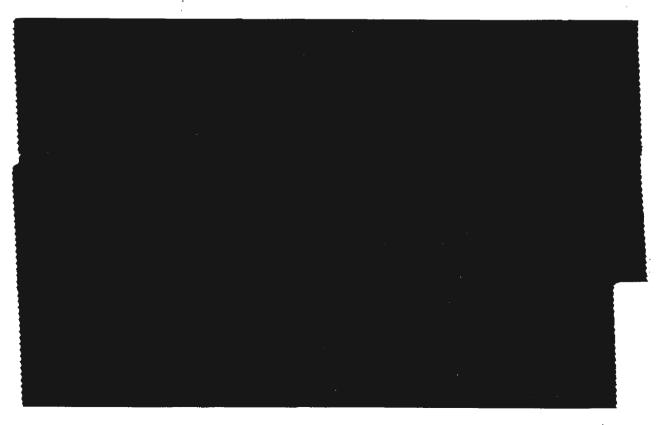
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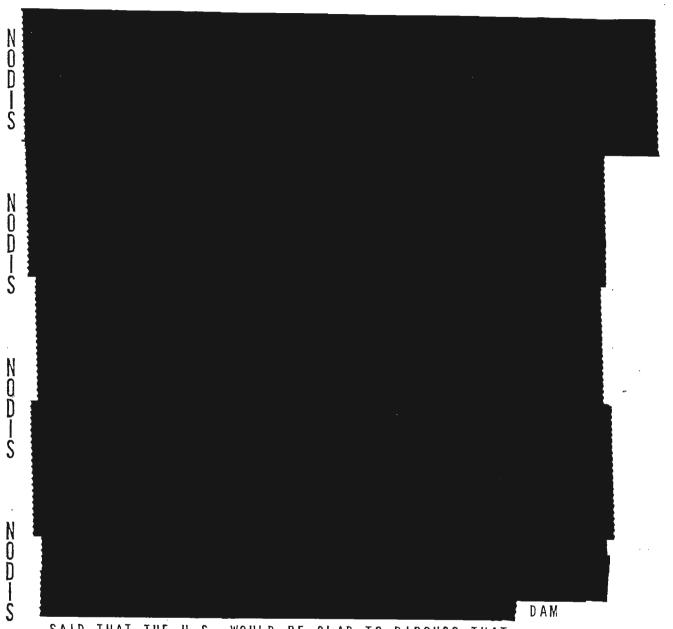
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SAID THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE GLAD TO DISCUSS THAT GENERAL PROBLEM, AND HOWE NOTED THAT THE FRENCH ALSO HAVE IDEAS ON THIS SCORE.

22. IN RESPONSE TO THATCHER'S REQUEST FOR AN OFFICIAL LIST OF U.S. AND CIVILIAN LOSSES, DAM SAID THAT THE ONLY FIRM FIGURES COVERED U.S. CITIZENS; OF OUR FORCES, 18 HAD BEEN KILLED AND 85 WOUNDED, NO U.S. CIVILIANS WERE AMONG THE CASUALTIES. TWENTY PATIENTS HAD BEEN

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LOST AT THE MENTAL HOSPITAL. APART FROM THAT, THERE WERE REPORTS THAT 50 OR 60 GRENADANS HAD BEEN_KILLED.

DAM PROMISED TO PROVIDE THE TEXT OF THE FIVE TREATIES PLUS THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MINUTES WHICH SHOWED THE DENOUEMENT OF THE DRAMA,

23. INF. DEPSEC SAID THAT THE US APPRECIATED MRS. THATCHER'S RESOLVE ON INF DEPLOYMENTS. HE CHARACTERIZED THE WESTERN POSITION IN GENEVA AS "SOUND", AND INDICATED THAT THE RECENT NPG DECISION NEEDED PUBLIC EMPHASIS. HE SAW THE ANDROPOV PROPOSAL AS OFFERING NOTHING NEW EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT IT TOOK INTO ACCOUNT ASIAN SYSTEMS AND PRESSED FOR A CEILING OF 140 WARHEADS. LOOKING AHEAD TO THE COMING BUNDESTAG DEBATE, HE SAID CONSIDERA-TION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE VALUE OF A FURTHER U.S. MOVE; IF SUCH A MOVE WERE MADE, IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE. IN THIS CONNECTION. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO SPECIFY A NUMBER OF WARHEADS, SOMETHING BETWEEN ZERO AND 572. WHILE ZERO CLEARLY WOULD BE BEST. WE MIGHT ILLUSTRATIVELY ADVANCE A. PROPOSAL FOR A LIMIT OF 270 WARHEADS. THIS WOULD BE MILITARILY VALID. THE WARHEADS COULD BE DIVIDED AMONG THE BASING NATIONS. IT WOULD ILLUSTRATE THAT WE ARE READY TO GO LOWER. MOREOVER, IT WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF NOT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT UK AND FRENCH SYSTEMS.

24. BURT SAID THAT THE APPROACH WOULD BE TOTALLY COMPATIBLE WITH THAT TAKEN TO DATE. IN EFFECT, IT ... WOULD ATTACH SPECIFIC NUMBERS TO GLOBAL EQUALITY, EXPRESSED IN WARHEADS. WE WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT 90 SS-20S, SO THE EQUIVALENT FOR US WOULD BE 270 WARHEADS. OF WHICH TWO-THIRDS, OR 180, WOULD BE DEPLOYED IN WESTERN EUROPE. THIS WOULD MAINTAIN THE SAME MIX AS AT PRESENT: 5:1; THAT IS, 36 PERSHING IIS AND THE REMAINDER IN GLCMS.

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THAT THE FIGURE IS WELL ABOVE THE FIRST TRANCHE OF PERSHING DEPLOYMENTS. SCHEDULED TO BE NINE IN THE FRG.

26. DAM SAID THAT, IN VIEW OF THE LIKELY SOVIET INTENTION TO WALK OUT OF THE INF TALKS. THE ISSUE WAS WHETHER TO MAKE A FURTHER PROPOSAL NOW OR TO WAIT.

DAM SAID

IT PROBABLY WOULD BE BETTER IF THEY WALKED OUT AFTER A CONCRETE PROPOSAL HAD BEEN ADVANCED.

27. DAM INDICATED THAT THE US OPPOSED THE DANISH PROPOSAL FOR A FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING.

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DAM, REITERATING US OPPOSITION TO A MEETING, SAID IT COULD BE AVOIDED BY REFUSING TO JOIN A CONSENSUS FAVORING IT. BURT SAID THAT A REPLY SHOULD BE GIVEN FAST AND IT SHOULD BE NEGATIVE. BULLARD NOTED THAT THE DANES EXPECTED NONE TO AGREF WITH THE PROPOSAL.

28. RETURNING TO THE ISSUE OF A NEW US INF PROPOSAL. DAM SAID THAT IT COULD INVOKE FURTHER PUBLIC DEMANDS FOR DELAYING DEPLOYMENTS. BURT ADDED THAT IT ALSO COULD NOOT BE RULED OUT THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD COME FORWARD WITH SOMETHING NEW IN THE NEXT WEEKS.

DEPSEC REPLIED THAT THE PRESIDENT IS LEAVING FOR JAPAN, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY, HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PLANNING WORK DONE WITH REGARD TO TARGETS AND WE ARE SEEKING FURTHER EVIDENCE IN THIS CONNECTION.

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N O D N DAM SAID THAT INTELLIGENCE

WAS FOCUSING ON THE MUSSAWI GROUP AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACKS. FURTHER ATTACKS, HE SAID, WOULD INCREASE THE PRESSURE ON US TO MOVE AGAINST THEM. HOWE SAW THE NEED FOR A VERY SKILLFUL APPROACH AND DAM SAID THAT THE US WAS CONCIOUS OF THE POINTS HOWE WAS MAKING. HE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR BRITISH STATEMENTS ABOUT THE MNF.

32. DAM SAID THAT THE GENEVA RECONCILIATION TALKS HAD. . . . RECESSED TO GIVE GEMAYEL THE OPPORTUNITY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE US ABOUT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. THE NEXT ITEM ON

THE AGENDA IS OTHER FORCES. THE US BELIEVES THIS IS WRONG. ISRAEL MAY BE READY TO PUT THE ISRAELI-LEBANESE AGREEMENT IN ABEYANCE, BUT TO SAY THAT WE NEED TO GET ISRAEL OUT BEFORE DEALING WITH THE OTHER ISSUES IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT IS IMPOSSIBLE. HOWE SAID THAT, IF THERE WERE AGREEMENT ON A WITHDRAWAL PROGRAM, MAYBE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO LEAVE THE ISRAELI-LEBANESE AGREEMENT ASIDE AND PRESS AHEAD WITH THE RECONCILIATION PROCESS.

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33. DAM SAID THAT GEMAYEL SEEMS TO WANT TO GO TO THE US. HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD AND TO MAKE CLEAR THAT SYRIANS CANNOT VETO A ВТ

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NON-SYRIAN CONTROLLED GOVERNMENT.

DAM SAID

THAT EAGLEBURGER'S TRIP WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE OCCASION TO DISCUSS BILATERAL AND WORLD ISSUES.

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PAGE Ø2 OF Ø4 SECSTATE WASHDC Ø3Ø8 DTG: Ø9Ø3Ø2Z NOV 83 PSN: Ø19419 DAM NOTED THAT SYRIA WAS PREPARED TO USE TERRORISM TO SERVE ITS OBJECTIVES. 35. DAM SAID THAT IT WAS HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE SAUDIS CANNOT EXERCISE MUCH LEVERAGE ON SYRIA. DAM NOTED HUSSEIN'S RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT 37. IN THIS REGARD THAT WE WERE PUTTING MORE EMPHASIS ON THE PEACE PROCESS.

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NODIS 38. DAM SAID THAT THE US WAS WORKING AT A PLANNING LLEVEL ON THIS ISSUE. NODIS BURT SAID THAT THE US HAS HAD NONE OF THIS KIND OF PERSONNEL SINCE THEY WERE DECLARED ILLEGAL AFTER VIETNAM. NODI 39. ARGENTINE CERTIFICATION. NOD1S

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HUSSEIN'S RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JORDANIAN PARLIAMENT.

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IN THIS REGARD THAT WE WERE PUTTING MORE EMPHASIS ON THE PEACE PROCESS.

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39. ARGENTINE CERTIFICATION.

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40. DAM SAID THAT THE US WOULD RESIST LANGUAGE GOING BEYOND LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION. MOREOVER, WE WILL TAKE STEPS TO CONSULT CLOSELY ON THIS ISSUE AS IT EVOLVES. BURT SAID THAT THE US POSITION WAS TO FAVOR A RESOLUTION CONSISTENT WITH THAT OF LAST YEAR; IF IT IS NOT RADICALLY CHANGED, WE WILL SUPPORT IT.

41. ON CERTIFICATION, DAM SAID THAT THIS PROCEDURE DERIVES FROM CONGRESSIONAL CONCERNS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AND IT APPLIES TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES. WITH THE EMERGENCE OF A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN ARGENTINA, IT IS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT WE WILL CERTIFY.

THAT COOPERATION WITH ARGENTINA WAS DESIRABLE OVER THE LONG TERM FOR EVERYONE. CERTAINLY THE ARGENTINE MILITARY SHOULD HAVE RELATIONS WITH OTHER MILITARY.

DAM SAID THAT THE US WAS NOT RUSHING INTO ARMS SALES. THE ARGENTINES MAY TRY TO BUY COMMERCIALLY IN THE US, AND THE US GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE LESS INFLUENCE IN THAT SPHERE.

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DAM SAID THAT US THINKING WAS LONG THE SAME LINES. WHILE THERE WERE ALL KINDS OF STORIES OUT OF WASHINGTON ABOUT SALES TO ARGENTINA. THIS MEANT ONLY THAT DISCUSSION WAS IN PROGRESS. HE AGREED THAT THE US AND UK SHOULD STAY IN TOUCH SO THAT THE BRITISH WOULD HAVE A CLEAR VIEW OF THE EMERGING US POSITION.

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- 44. DAM PROMISED TO REPORT IN DETAIL THE EVOLUTION OF US THINKING.
 - 45. THIS CABLE HAS BEEN CLEARED BY DEPSEC DAM.
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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

- 2. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR PRICE'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION WITH WHICH TO BRIEF THE PRIME MINISTER, EMBASSY LONDON IS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ON SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OY MEETING OF VICE PRESIDENT BUSH WITH PRESIDENT ALFONSIN.
- 3. GENERAL: VICE PRESIDENT BUSH AND PRESIDENT ALFONSIN MET FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR EVENING OF DECEMBER 10. CONVERSATION WAS CORDIAL AND CANDID, COVERING WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. BOTH WE AND ARGENTINES BELIEVE CONVERSATION REPRESENTED EXCELLENT BEGINNING OF BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN USG AND NEW GOVERNMENT IN ARGENTINA. DURING DISCUSSION, BOTH PRINCIPALS ANTICIPATED A PERIOD OF IMPROVED RELATIONS CHARACTERIZED BY COOPERATION ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES.
- 4. FALKLANDS/MALVINAS: ALFONSIN NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF BEGINNING IMPLEMENTATION OF UN RESOLUTION. HE SAID CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE UK AND ARGENTINA SHOULD BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EVEN IF AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE REACHED ON A COMPLETE AGENDA. HE ADDED THERE HAD TO BE AN END TO THE EXCLUSION ZONE AND THE FORTIFICATION OF THE ISLANDS BY THE BRITISH. IN RESPONSE. THE VICE PRESIDENT

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ASSERTED HIS BELIEF THAT THE UK WANTED TO MOVE FORWARD IN REBUILDING ITS RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA, THAT THE US DECISION TO CERTIFY ARGENTINA WAS NOT FASY FOR THE HK TO ACCEPT. AND THAT WE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO FACILITATE IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA.

5. ARGENTINA'S NUCLEAR POLICY: THE VICE PRESIDENT RAISED THE MATTER OF ARGENTINA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND URGED ALFONSIN TO ADOPT A COMPLETE SAFEGUARDS REGIME.

THIS AREA WOULD MAKE BILATERAL COOPERATION ON NUCLEAR AND OTHER ISSUES MUCH EASIER TO ACHIEVE. ALFONSIN REITERATED HIS FIRM COMMITMENT THAT ARGENTINA WOULD NOT BUILD AN ATOMIC BOMB.

6. ECONOMIC PROBLEMS: VICE PRESIDENT SAID THE US WOULD BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN ASSISTING ARGENTINA IN ADDRESSING ITS "INANCIAL PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY THE DEBT PROBLEM. ALFONSIN RESPONDED THAT A REDUCTION IN THE MAGNITUDE O" THE DEBT WAS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO HIM. OTHERWISE ARGENTINA COULD NOT REALIZE ITS POTENTIAL. EXPORTS WERE THE KEY: ARGENTINA WOULD PAY ITS DEBTS. BUT NEEDED TO FIND NEW MARKETS TO EARN THE FOREIGN CURRENCY NEEDED FOR DEBT SERVICE. IN RESPONSE, THE VICE PRESIDENT NOTED THE US COMMITMENT TO FREE TRADE AND ASSURED ALFONSIN THAT US WOULD BE A GOOD TRADING PARTNER FOR ARGENTINA.

7.OTHER ISSUES COVERED DURING CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO LEADERS INCLUDED CENTRAL AMERICA, PRESIDENT REAGAN'S POLICY ON ARMS REDUCTIONS, AND ARGENTINA'S SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY.

8. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN UK REACTION BUSH-ALFONSIN BILATERAL. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ASSESSMENT OF ALFONSIN'S COMMENTS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF BEGINNING BILATERAL TALKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EVEN WITHOUT A COMPLETE AGENDA. AS WELL AS RELATED LONDON TIMES INTERVIEW (LONDON 22295) IN WHICH ALFONSIN PUBLICLY MENTIONS CALL ON MRS. THATCHER TO REDUCE 150 MILE EXCLUSION ZONE AND FREEZE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AIRPORT IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE INTERIOR SETTLEMENT BASED ON A LEASE BACK ARRANGEMENT. HOWE'S COMMENTS REFTEL (B) REGARDING PROPOSED TWO-TRACK POLICY FOR RESTORING RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA ARE INTERESTING AND IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO HAVE THATCHER'S

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR WRIGHT'S MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER ON GRENADA OCTOBER 29, 1983

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR WRIGHT, ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER DEREK THOMAS AND PRIVATE SECRETARY PETER JENKINS MET WITH UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER TO INQUIRE ABOUT USG THINKING ON FUTURE POLITICAL AND MILITARY ACTIONS IN GRENADA PRIOR TO MONDAY'S CABINET MEETING IN LONDON. STRESSED THAT HMG HAD REACHED NO DECISIONS ON ITS ROLE. IF ANY, BUT THAT THE REQUESTS OF GOVERNOR GENERAL SCOON WOULD BE IMPORTANT IN DETERMINING BRITISH REACTION. ALSO ASKED ABOUT A POSSIBLE COMMONWEALTH ROLE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT AND IN PEACEKEEPING. THE UNDER SECRETARY SAID THAT THE USG HAS NO FIRM OUTLINE OF PLANS AS YET, BUT HE AGREED TO GET AS PRECISE THOUGHTS AS POSSIBLE TO THE EMBASSY NO LATER THAN SUNDAY. HE PROMISED THE EMBASSY WOULD BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED ON A DAILY BASIS OF THE SITUATION IN GRENADA. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE THE USG WILL PLACE ON THE IDEAS AND VIEWS OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND THE OECS WHEN CONSIDERING FUTURE PLANS. REGARDING A ROLE

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH, HE OBSERVED THAT THE U.S. WOULD HAVE TO DO MORE THINKING. HE STATED THAT WHILE THE U.S. WANTS TO WITHDRAW TROOPS ASAP, ALL THE INTELLIGENCE MATERIAL FOUND AND THE CUBAN TROOPS CAPTURED MAY REQUIRE US TO STAY LONGER THAN WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED. THE

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AMBASSADOR INQUIRED IF THE USG THOUGHT IT COULD STOP MOVES IN EITHER THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL OR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO HAVE THE UNGA DISCUSS GRENADA. THE BRITISH DO NOT FAVOR SUCH DISCUSSION AND BELIEVE AN SC VOTE ON A UNGA DISCUSSION WOULD NOT BE THE SAME AS THIS WEEK'S SC GRENADA RESOLUTION VOTE. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT U.S. PLANS IN LEBANON, EAGLEBURGER CITED THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WHICH WARNED THAT THE U.S. WOULD MAKE THOSE WHO KILLED THE MARINES AWARE THAT THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE DONE IT. ASSURED THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO DISCUSS SUCH PLANS WITH OUR FRIENDS REFORE TAKING ACTION. ON THE U.S. SIDE IN ADDITION TO UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER WERE ARA ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOTLEY. EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARD HAUSS EUR/NE C.K. STOCKER AND P SPEC ASST R.C. PERRY. END SUMMARY.

3. AMBASSADOR WRIGHT BEGAN BY THANKING UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER FOR FACILITATING THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S COMMUNICATION WITH THE PALACE, FOR OBTAINING CLEARANCE FOR THE RAF PLANE WHICH TOOK CONSULAR OFFICERS TO GRENADA AND FOR THE HELP WHICH ADMIRAL HOWE HAD PROVIDED ON CLEARING UP RUMORS OF BRITISH HOSTAGES. IN RESPONSE EAGLEBURGER EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR HMG'S ABSTENTION ON THE SC RESOLUTION ON GRENADA. IT WAS NOT EASY TO ABSTAIN, HE ACKNOWLEDGED, IN LIGHT OF THE YES VOTES OF OTHER EUROPEANS WHO MIGHT HAVE ABSTAINED WITHOUT POLITICAL DIFFICULTY.

4. RECALLING THE SECRETARY'S MEETING IN PARIS EARLIER IN THE WEEK WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, WRIGHT REITERATED THEIR AGREEMENT ON THE NEED FOR CLOSE CONSULTATIONS AND HOWE'S CONSTITUTIONAL POINT REGARDING THE GOVERNOR GE; ERAL'S ROLE WHICH HMG HOPES THE ADMINISTRATION UNDERSTANDS. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE BRITISH CABINET IS MEETING ON MONDAY MORNING TO DISCUSS WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, THE BRITISH WILL SEEK TO PLAY IN GRENADA REGARDING THE ESTABLISHING OF A CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND PEACEKEEPING. HMG HAS TAKEN NO DECISIONS ON THESE QUESTIONS AS YET. ITS THINKING IS BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IS THE ONLY REMAINING CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY ACCEPTED BY EVERYONE. THEREFORE HE WILL BE CENTRAL TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CREDIBLE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. HMG IMAGINES HE IS AWARE OF THIS AND THAT HE IS READY TO TAKE ACTION. NEVERTHELESS: HE WILL NEED HELP WHICH HMG

IS INCLINED TO PROVIDE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. SINCE

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GRENADA IS PART OF THE COMMONWEALTH, HE PREDICTED THAT ORGANIZATION WILL PLAY A CONSIDERABLE ROLE WHEN PEACE COMES WHICH WOULD BE DESIRABLE IN GAINING ACCEPTANCE FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT. THE COMMONWEALTH HAS A SECRETARIAT IN LONDON WHICH THE GOVERNOR GENERAL MAY WISH TO CALL ON. ACCORDING TO WRIGHT, THE BRI, ISH HAVE NO VIEW ON USING THIS ORGANIZATION. REGARDING A PEACEKEEPING FORCE, HMG WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER WHETHER THERE IS A ROLE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH AND, IF SO, WHICH MEMBERS MIGHT TAKE PART. THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT HMG WILL BE STRONGLY INFLUENCED BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S WISHES AND ALSO IS VERY INTERESTED IN USG THINKING.

5. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, UNDER SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER BT #0430 NNNN

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ENUMERA, ED TWO FACTORS IN DEALING WITH THE BRITISH ON THIS ISSUE: (1) THE USG WILL KEEP HMG UP TO DATE ON A DAILY BASIS ON THE SITUATION IN GRENADA; (2) THE USG WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH HMG THE SORT OF LONG-RANGE AND LEGAL QUESTIONS WHICH THE AMBASSADOR HAD JUST RAISED. ,N U.S. THINKING, AS IN THE BRITISH VIEW, THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND HIS ATTITUDES WILL BE CRITICAL. WE ARE ONLY BEGINNING TO GET A SENSE OF WHERE HE IS COMING FROM. EAGLEBURGER HOPED THAT HMG WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT FOR THE U.S. THE DECS IS VERY WHEN CONSIDERING HOW TO DEAL WITH THE IMPORTANT. FUTURE, WE WILL WANT TO KEEP THOSE STATES INVOLVED AND LISTEN CLOSELY TO WHAT THEY SAY. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE WILL BE OPPOSED TO INVOLVEMENT OF A WIDER GROUP. BUT OECS WILL BE KEY. REGARDING THE LINK WITH THE COMMONWEALTH, THE USG NEEDS TO DO MORE THINKING. PERSONAL LEVEL THE UNDER SECRETARY COMMENTED THAT U.S. ENTHUSIASM FOR ITS PARTICIPATION WOULD BE AFFECTED BY THE THOUGHT OF MRS. GHANDI HAVING ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE FUTURE OF GRENADA. HE ADDED THAT THE QUEEN'S INVOLVEMENT WAS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM MRS. GHANDI'S. HE STRESSED THAT THE U.S. WANTS TO WITHDRAW MILITARY PERSONNEL AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT THE ISLAND IS NOT YET CLEARED; MANY CUBANS REMAIN IN THE NORTHERN HALF. HE ASKED HMG TO BEAR IN MIND THAT THE U.S. MILITARY ON GRENADA HAVE AS THEIR FIRST CONCERN THEIR MILITARY GOALS. U.S. FORCES MAY BE THERE LONGER THAN WE WOULD WANT, WHICH WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON POLITICAL ASPECTS. EAGLEBURGER UNDERSTOOD THE URGENCY OF GETTING AS PRECISE U.S. THOUGHTS AS POSSIBLE TO THE EMHASSY WELL IN TIME BEFORE THE CABINET MEETING ON MONDAY.

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6. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOTLEY STATED THAT WHILE THE PRESIDENT WANTS THE TROOPS OUT ASAP HE DOES NOT WANT TO HAVE TO SEND THEM BACK LATER. CONSEQUENTLY. FOR AN INTERMEDIATE PERIOD A FORCE LARGER THAN THAT PROVIDED BY THE PARTICIPATING CARIBBEAN NATIONS WILL BE NEEDED. LOGICALLY. THAT LEADS TO A COMMONWEALTH PRESENCE. THE ASSESSMENT OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL WILL BE A KEY ELEMENT. THE U.S. REPS ON THE GROUND WHO HAVE BEEN TALKING WITH SCOON HAVE FOUND HIM A LOGICAL, THOUGHTFUL MAN WITH HIS OWN IDEAS. FOR EXAMPLE, SCOON IS CONCERNED ABOUT BRINGING BISHOP'S MURDERERS TO JUSTICE AND ESTABLISHING TRUE SPOKESMEN IN THE U.N. HE HAS ASKED THE USG TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH SOME DETAILED WORK ABOUT DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION, ETC. | THE GOVERNOR IS ALREADY IN COMMUNICATION WITH HIS DECS COLLEAGUES.

7. WHEN AMBASSADOR WRIGHT REITERATED THAT THE CABINET HAD NOT YET DETERMINED WHETHER THERE IS A ROLE FOR THE UK IN THIS SITUATION. THE UNDER SECRETARY COMMENTED THAT U.S. ACTIONS HAD BEEN KEPT SECRET NOT ONLY FOR EFFICIENCY JUT ALSO FROM A DESIRE NOT TO EMBARRASS HMG. HE COMMENTED THAT IN GRENADA THE U.S. HAD FOUND MUCH MORE INTELLIGENCE MATERIAL THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED. WILL BE SHARED THROUGH REGULAR CHANNELS WITH HMG. BECAUSE WE WANT TO TALK TO CUBAN PRISONERS, THERE MAY BE DELAYS IN MOVING THEM OUT. THE OECS GOVERNMENTS HAD A BETTER GUT FEELING FOR HOW BAD THINGS WERE THAN THE U.S. DID.

8. THE AMBASSADOR RETURNED TO THE "STRANGE ORGANIZATION" CALLED THE COM?ONWEALTH SECRETARIAT AND ITS POSSIBLE USE IN PROVIDING CREDIBILITY TO A NEW GOVERNMENT. EAGLEBURGER OPINED THAT THE ISSUE OF DEALING WITH THE SECRETARIAT OUGHT TO BE TAKEN CARE OF, AFTER THE U.S. AND U.K. HAD REACHED A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ON THE SITUATION. MINISTER THOMAS POINTED OUT THAT BECAUSE GRENADA HAD BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH. GOVERNOR GENERAL SCOON WOULD PROBABLY BE THINKING IN TERMS OF THAT INSTITUTION WHICH HE KNOWS, UNDERSTANDS AND TRUSTS. RAMPHAL, HE CHARACTERIZED AS AN ACTIVE MAN WHO WOULD WANT TO GET INVOLVED. EAGLEBURGER COMMENTED THAT WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH VARIOUS COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS (E.G. AUSTRALIA) TO EXPLAIN THAT THE USG KNEW WHAT IT WAS DOING WHEN IT WENT IN.

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9. AMBASSADOR WRIGHT RAISE; THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME COUNTRIES MAY TRY TO TAKE THE GRENADA QUESTION TO THE

UNGA EITHER THROUGH THE SC OR THROUGH A GA VOTE. HMG WOULD NOT WELCOME THIS. HE INQUIRED IF THE U.S. THOUGHT IT COULD STOP THIS ACTION. JUDGING FROM THE VOTE THIS WEEK, ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOTLEY T; OUGHT WE COULD NOT. THOMAS SAID THE BRITISH BELIEVE THE VOTE ON A UNGA DISCUSSION WOULD BE DIFFERENT AND THE AMBASSADOR ADVISED THE U.S. NOT TO DESPAIR. THE UNDER SECRETARY REMARKED THAT IF SUCH A RESOLUTION REACHED THE GA. WE MIGHT TABLE SOME RESOLUTIONS OF OUR OWN REGARDING LIBYAN TROOPS IN CHAD. ETC. EAGLEBURGER ALSO NOTED THE ROLE OF ZIMBABWE IN SPONSORING THE RESOLUTION. THANKS TO WRIGHT'S INTERVENTION, EAGLEBURGER SAID HE HAD CHANGED HIS ADVICE #0430 NNNN

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TO THE SECRETARY ON CONTINUING AID TO ZIMBABWE. HE ASKED THE AMBASSADOR TO PASS THE MESSAGE THAT THE GOZ HAS MADE A SERIOUS ERROR REGARDING THE PART IT PLAYED ON THE GRENADA RESOLUTION.

10. AMBASSADOR WRIGHT MADE A STRONG REQUEST THAT THE U.S. TAKE NO SURPRISE ACTIONS IN LEBANON GIVEN THE PRESENCE OF UK TROOPS WHO MIGHT BECOME TARGETS AS A RESULT. HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT EAGLEBURGER'S UPCOMING TRIP TO ISRAEL. THE UNDER SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT HIS TRIP TO ISRAEL WAS INTENDED TO BRING ABOUT MORE INTIMATE AND HIGHER LEVEL CONSULTATIONS THAN HAD TAKEN PLACE RECENTLY WITH THE GOI. HE EMPHASIZED THAT WRIGHT SHOULD NOT MISS THE LINE IN THE PRESIDENT'S MOST RECENT SPEECH THAT THE U.S. WILL MAKE THOSE WHO KILLED OUR MARINES AWARE THAT THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE DONE IT. HE ADDED THAT THE SPEECH IS NOT RELATED TO HIS TRAVEL TO ISRAEL. THE DEPARTMENT REALIZES, HE ASSERTED, THAT WE MUST DISCUSS WITH OUR FRIENDS ANYTHING WE ARE PLANNING TO DO TO CARRY OUT THE PRESIDENT'S WORDS. SHULTZ BT #0430 NNNN