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SUBJECT APPARENT INVITATION FROM GENERAL HUDSON AUSTIN
TO SEND USG REP TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION

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2. BETWEEN 1330 AND 1350 THIS AFTERNOON, WE HAD TELEX CONTACT WITH THE ST GEORGE'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (BETWEEN GARY SOLIN ADMIN OFFICER AND POI COUNSELOR KURZE) THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THAT EXCHANGE

-- GRENADA KEN THIS IS GARY SOLIN DR. BOURNE AND I JUST MET WITH GENERAL AUSTIN HERE. HE WANTS US TO EXPRESS TO YOU HIS DESIRE TO MEET WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT HERE. THE AIRPORT IS OPEN EXCEPT LIAT HAS CANCELED FLIGHTS. MILTON CATO IS MEETING WITH HIM TOMORROW HE CAN BE REACHED AT 2269. HOWEVER TELEPHONE CIRCUITS SEEM TO BE OUT.

-- GRENADA WERE YOU ABLE TO RECEIVE THIS MESSAGE?

-- EMBASSY WILL YOU PLEASE HOLD FOR MR. KURZE?

-- EMBASSY MESSAGE RECEIVED. WILL ENDEAVOR TO RESPOND

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IN ONE HOUR. IS THAT O.K.?

-- GRENADA FINE KEN. IF YOU WANT CALL OUR TELEX AND WE CAN RELAY IT. I BELIEVE THE GENERAL IS COMING HERE TO PHONE CHARLES (MODICA). THEY ARE LOOKING FOR OUR COOPERATION HE IS WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE MEDIA HOWEVER WE CAN ARRANGE IT FROM THE STATES TOO.

-- EMBASSY "COOPERATION" SOUNDS GOOD BUT WE HAVE CONTINUING REPORTS OF ARRESTS AND EXECUTIONS

-- GRENADA HE HAS INFORMED US THE DEATH TOLL WAS 18. THIS INCLUDES THOSE WHO JUMPED FROM THE FORT WHEN THE FIRING STARTED. HE SEEMS VERY REMORSEFUL AND IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE WITH A SITUATION THEY ARE NOT SURE HOW TO HANDLE. I THINK THE NEED FOR OUR ADVICE IS DIRE. HE MET WITH THE GOVERNOR GENERAL THIS A.M. SEEKING ADVICE ALSO

-- EMBASSY WE TELEXED FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY AT NOON TO ASK THAT JRD SECRETARY LINDA FLOHR AND I BE ALLOWED TO COME TO GRENADA BY PLANE TO INQUIRE INTO U.S. CITIZEN WELFARE

-- GRENADA HE HAS PERSONALLY INVITED YOU THROUGH US. WHAT ASSISTANCE DO YOU NEED? PLEASE HOLD AGAIN. SOMETHING IS COMING IN

-- EMBASSY IT IS POSSIBLE WE COULD COME BY AIRCRAFT LATER THIS AFTERNOON OR IN THE MORNING WILL REPLY FURTHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU HAVE MY ASSURANCE.

-- GRENADA O.K. O.K. HE EVEN SAID HIS DAUGHTER WHO IS NOT TALKING TO HIM BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED IS THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER THERE.

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-- EMBASSY MAY WE TAKE THIS AS A PERSONAL INVITATION,
OR IS IT FROM THE "REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY COUNCIL?"

-- GRENADA I WOULD SAY HE MADE IT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE
COUNCIL PLEASE HOLD AGAIN

-- EMBASSY O.K.

-- PAUSE.

-- EMBASSY WE HEAR THAT CANA AND NOW VOB (VOICE OF
BARBADOS) SAY ALISTER AND CYNTHIA.....

-- INTERRUPTION APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF MESSAGE BEING
SENT OR RECEIVED ON TELEX IN GRENADA. EFFORTS TO GET
THROUGH INDICATE OTHER END IN GRENADA IS BEING USED.

2 WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT AUSTIN WAS EITHER
PRESENT IN THE ROOM AT THE MEDICAL SCHOOL OR ON THE
TELEPHONE WITH THEM. RESPONSES WERE GENERALLY SPLIT-
SECOND QUICK. KURZE WAS ATTEMPTING TO ELICIT MORE
COMMENTS WHICH WOULD TELL US THE DEGREE TO WHICH AUSTIN
IS IN CONTROL AND/OR WHETHER HE REALIZES THEY HAVE
STARTED A BLOODBATH WITH NO END IN SIGHT.

3. GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON HOW DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO
PROCEED WITH AUSTIN'S INVITATION WHICH WE PRESUME AT
THIS POINT IS GENUINE. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL
ENDEAVOR TO FIND OUT MORE FROM THE SCHOOL OR CHARLES
MODICA IN NEW YORK. BISH

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AND NAVAL BLOCKADE OF GRENADA
REF: (A) STATE 300627; (B) KINGSTON 10314

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1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: AS INSTRUCTED, I DISCUSSED POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL WITH SEAGA WHO FULLY UNDERSTANDS USG POSITION. SEAGA PROPOSES AS AN ALTERNATIVE IN WHICH CONCERNED CARIBBEAN LEADERS WOULD CALL FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION TO REESTABLISH REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN GRENADA, INCLUDING THE USE OF A CARIBBEAN PEACE KEEPING FORCE AND A JOINT NAVAL BLOCKADE INVOLVING SEVERAL COUNTRIES. SEAGA BELIEVES THAT THIS COURSE OF ACTION WOULD MINIMIZE BLOODSHED AND PREVENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CUBAN BASTION IN THE

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EAST CARIBBEAN. HE BELIEVES HIS CARICOM PARTNERS WILL SUPPORT SUCH AN INITIATIVE AND PLANS TO DISCUSS THIS WITH PRIME MINISTER ADAMS WHEN HE ARRIVES IN BARBADOS LATE THIS EVENING. THE PRIME MINISTER SUMMED UP: "TO JUSTIFY A BLOCKADE, THE GRENADIAN GOVERNOR GENERAL MUST BE ACTIVATED. I BELIEVE HE IS WILLING TO PLAY THE ROLE OF REQUESTING A BLOCKADE IF HE CAN BE PROTECTED AND IF THE U. S. IS WILLING TO RESPOND. THE BLOCKADE WOULD BE PEACEFUL AND WOULD OPEN THE DOOR FOR A PEACE KEEPING FORCE THAT WOULD REMAIN UNTIL A GOVERNMENT ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE COULD BE PUT IN PLACE."

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ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON ABOVE PROPOSAL, IF POSSIBLE, BY 2:00 P.M., OCT. 21, OR PASS COMMENTS TO SEAGA THROUGH EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN. PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE TO NSC AND BRIDGETOWN

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3. PRIME MINISTER SEAGA MET WITH THE DCM AND ME AT 8:30 A.M. ON OCTOBER 21, TO DISCUSS POINTS IN REF A. SEAGA SAID THAT UPON FURTHER REFLECTION, THAT HE BELIEVED IT WAS IMPORTANT TO AVOID SPILLING BLOOD AND TO PREVENT SOVIET/CUBAN OCCUPATION IN GRENADA. SEAGA THOUGHT A JOINT MILITARY ACTION AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (PRA) IN GRENADA WOULD CREATE A POSSIBLE ADVERSE REACTION BECAUSE WHITEMEN WOULD BE SEEN KILLING BLACKMEN. THERE MIGHT ALSO BE A LOSS OF CIVILIAN LIFE AS WELL. AS A RESULT, HE PLANS TO PROPOSE TO THE FORTHCOMING CARIBBEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN BRIDGETOWN A CALL FOR A JOINT NAVAL TASK FORCE TO BLOCKADE GRENADA. THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES WOULD ESTABLISH A REGIONAL PEACE KEEPING FORCE OF PERHAPS 500 MEN IN WHICH JAMAICA COULD TAKE THE LEAD. THIS FORCE WOULD BE USED ONCE THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND PRA WOULD ACCEPT TERMS SUCH AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND HOLDING OF ELECTIONS WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

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4. SEAGA RE-EMPHASIZED SEVERAL POINTS MADE LAST NIGHT:
- THE GOVERNOR GENERAL REPRESENTS THE ONLY EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND HE WOULD BE THE ONLY APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TO CALL FOR REGIONAL ASSISTANCE TO RESTORE ORDER, ESTABLISH A BONA FIDE GOVERNMENT, AND PROTECT THE POPULACE; HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IS WILLING TO DO THIS AND THE UK AND CANADA ARE CAPABLE OF PROTECTING HIM;
 - EXTERNAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE BE PROVIDED TO SUPPLEMENT THE MARGINAL CAPABILITIES OF THE CARIBBEAN STATES;
 - SEAGA BELIEVES THAT IT IS VITAL THAT THE U. S. PARTICIPATE; HE WOULD EXPECT VENEZUELA ALSO TO REACT FAVORABLY AND PERHAPS CANADA AND THE UK;
 - A NAVAL BLOCKADE CREATE A TIGHT NOOSE AROUND THE ISLAND, THE TWO AIRFIELDS BE NEUTRALIZED, AND THE RADIO BROADCASTS JAMMED;
 - THE GRENADIAN ARMY BE DEMOBILIZED, POLITICAL PRISONERS BE FREED AND CONDITIONS BE ESTABLISHED FOR A REGIONAL PEACE KEEPING FORCE FROM THE CARIBBEAN.

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5. SEAGA BELIEVES THAT MANY OF HIS CARICOM PARTNERS WILL ACT WITH RESOLUTION. HE NOTES THAT BARBADOS PLANS TO PREVENT AIRCRAFT FROM GRENADA LANDING AT BRIDGETOWN. HE HAS TALKED TO PRIME MINISTER CHARLES
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OF DOMINICA AND PINDLING OF THE BAHAMAS; BOTH WANT
TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION. HE NOTES THAT ALL OF THE
EAST CARIBBEAN IS IN A TOUGH-MINDED MOOD; THIS
OPPORTUNITY SHOULD NOT BE LOST, HE SAID. SEAGA
BELIEVES THAT VERE BIRD OF ANTIGUA (COMMENT: SEAGA WANTS
TO EXCLUDE LESTER BIRD, WHO IS MORE HESITANT ON SUCH
MATTERS; SEAGA WAS PLEASED THAT LESTER'S PROPOSED
FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING WAS CHANGED TO HEADS OF
GOVERNMENT SO THAT VERE WOULD APPROPRIATELY ATTEND.
END COMMENT), COMPTON OF ST. LUCIA, CATO OF ST.
VINCENT, KENNEDY OF ST. KITTS, AND OSBORNE OF
MONTserrat ARE DISPOSED TO RECOMMEND COLLECTIVE ACTION.
HE NOTES THAT ST. VINCENT IS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE.
REGARDING TRINIDAD, HE SUSPECTS THAT PERSONAL
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHAMBERS AND ADAMS MAY CAUSE THE

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GOTT LEADER TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BARBADOS MEETING. HE CONTINUES TO QUESTION THE RESOLUTION OF THE GOTT BUT NOTES THAT IT DID ISSUE A STRONG STATEMENT, INCLUDING BARRING TRADE. SEAGA DOES NOT EXPECT BURNHAM OF GUYANA TO ATTEND, BUT THE GOG MAY SEND A REPRESENTATIVE. HE DOES NOT EXPECT STRONG SUPPORT FROM GUYANA. HE DOES EXPECT, HOWEVER, PRICE OF BELIZE TO ACT VIGOROUSLY.

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6. SEAGA RELATED A SQUABBLE BETWEEN ADAMS AND CHAMBERS. AS THE PREVIOUS CHAIRMAN OF THE CARICOM HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING, CHAMBERS THOUGHT THAT HE SHOULD HOST THE EMERGENCY MEETING. HOWEVER, BOTH ADAMS AND COMPTON WANTED FIRST TO HOLD AN OECS SECURITY MEETING IN BARBADOS FOLLOWED BY A REGIONAL MEETING. IN ADDITION, ADAMS SAID THAT HE COULD NOT GO TO TRINIDAD AT THIS TIME. CHAMBERS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE ALSO COULD NOT LEAVE HIS COUNTRY. SEAGA NOTED THAT SINCE GRENADA WAS BEING EXCLUDED THIS WAS NOT A BONA FIDE CARICOM MEETING AND CHAMBERS SHOULD NOT APPROPRIATELY BE CONSIDERED CHAIRMAN. IN ADDITION, ADAMS AND SEAGA WERE IRRITATED OVER THE GOTT UNWILLINGNESS TO EXERCISE EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP. SEAGA INTENDS TO GO TO BARBADOS AND WILL SEEK TO SORT OUT THE VENUE BY PHONE THIS MORNING.

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7. SEAGA REVIEWED AGAIN HIS DEEP CONCERN OVER THE SOVIET/CUBAN MENACE IN GRENADA. HE FORESEES A POWERFUL, MILITARY AND PROPAGANDA MACHINE THAT WILL AIM TO SUBVERT ITS NEIGHBORS AND UNDERTAKE PARAMILITARY TRAINING OF DISSIDENTS FROM THE NEARBY ISLANDS. HE BELIEVES A SUCCESSFUL CONSOLIDATION OF CUBAN CONTROL IN GRENADA WOULD PROMPTLY DESTABILIZE ST. VINCENT AND PERHAPS OTHER ADJACENT ISLANDS. THE ISLAND NATIONS ARE CURRENTLY TOO WEAK BOTH POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY TO RESIST A MAJOR MARXIST PROPAGANDA AND

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CIATE FURTHER ADVICE REGARDING USG VIEWS BEFORE SEAGA
DEPARTS THIS AFTERNOON. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE,
PLEASE SEEK TO COORDINATE WITH SEAGA THROUGH EMBASSY
BRIDGETOWN. SEAGA RETURNS TO JAMAICA MID-DAY MONDAY,
OCT. 24. PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE TO NSC AND BRIDGE-
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SUBJECT: MORE ON AM CITIZEN WELFARE IN GRENADA

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. REPORTS FROM RADIO FREE GRENADA EVERY 15-30 MINUTES RESTATE THAT NO AMERICAN CITIZENS NOR FOREIGN NATIONALS HAVE BEEN HARMED AS A RESULT OF THE VIOLENCE WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE IN GRENADA. THE SECOND PORTION OF THE NEWS RELEASE STATES THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY COUNCIL ADVISES THAT IT WILL NOT ALLOW "LIES" ABOUT U.S. CITIZENS BEING IN DANGER TO BE USED AS A PRETEXT FOR FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN GRENADA AND THAT THE PRA AND PEOPLES MILITIA WILL BE USED TO RESIST ANY FOREIGN INTERVENTION.
3. STATEMENTS BY THE LEFTIST UNITED PEOPLES MOVEMENT IN ST. VINCENT, THE LEFTIST PEOPLES PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENT IN GUYANA AND THE LEFTIST WORKERS PARTY IN JAMAICA HAVE ALL STATED CONCERN THAT FOREIGN FORCES MIGHT USE THE CURRENT SITUATION TO LAND FORCES IN GRENADA.
4. OBVIOUSLY MISSING FROM THE RFG ANNOUNCEMENTS IS ANY REFERENCE TO AMCITS HAVING SUFFERED NO HARM AT ALL AS A RESULT OF THE UNCERTAIN SITUATION IN GRENADA. EMBASSY HAS HAD CONVERSATION WITH THE PERSONAL SECRETARY OF P.M. ADAMS OF BARBADOS MAKING INQUIRY AS TO THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN GRANADA. SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED HAVE BEEN AMPACILLIN, INSULIN AND MEDICINE FOR HEART DISEASE PATIENTS. SPECIFICS OF NEED, HOW THE U.S. MIGHT ASSIST AND OTHER DETAILS ARE BEING SOUGHT FROM

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8. SEAGA BELIEVES THAT JAMAICA COULD JUSTIFY PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL PEACE KEEPING FORCE AND SUPPORT FOR A JOINT BLOCKADE. HE NOTES THAT BY BREAKING RELATIONS WITH THE PRG, JAMAICA NO LONGER RECOGNIZES THE GOVERNMENT THERE. MANLEY, HE BELIEVES, COMMITTED A BLUNDER BY ALSO SEVERING HIS TIES WITH THE NATIONAL REVOLUTION COUNCIL. THIS WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO CRITICIZE GOJ COLLECTIVE ACTION. SEAGA INTENDS TO SEEK URGENTLY THAT OTHER CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES ALSO SEVER RELATIONS WITH THE PRG.

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9. SEAGA ASKED THAT I PASS TO AMBASSADOR BISH AT BRIDGETOWN HIS CONCERNS REGARDING THE OECS MEETING LATE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21. HE HOPES THAT THESE LEADERS AGREE ON NOTHING TOO SPECIFIC BUT CONSOLIDATE THEIR SUPPORT FOR A GENERAL CALL FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION. HE FEELS THAT THIS GROUP IS NOT SECURE AND ANY DETAILS REGARDING PLANS WILL LIKELY BECOME PUBLIC. HE SUGGESTS THAT AMBASSADOR BISH PASS ON HIS CONCERNS TO PRIME MINISTER ADAMS. SEAGA PLANS TO DISCUSS HIS DETAILED PROPOSALS ONLY WITH ADAMS AT THIS TIME.

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10. SEAGA IS LEAVING THIS AFTERNOON AT 3:00 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING JAMAICAN OFFICIALS: ATTORNEY GENERAL

AND MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY SPAULDING, MINISTER OF STATE GALLIMORE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF TOURISM ABRAHAMS, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF MFA FRANCIS, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MFA BARNETT, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL PLANNING AGENCY BROWN, HIS PRESS SECRETARY AND TWO PERSONAL ASSISTANTS.

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11. ACTION REQUESTED: IF POSSIBLE, WE WOULD APPRE-
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SUBJECT: MORE ON AM CITIZEN WELFARE IN GRENADA
FOR ASSISTANCE MADE BY THE GRENADIAN RMC OF WHICH THIS
EMBASSY IS AWARE. THE OBVIOUS REALIZATION THAT ANY LANDING
BY OUTSIDE FORCES WOULD RESULT IN A FREE LOOK AT THE EVENTS
OF THE PAST WEEK IN GRENADA BY THE WORLD CAN BE ASSUMED TO
COLOR ANY STATEMENT OR LACK OF STATEMENT BY THE RMC. BISH
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THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO MAKING ANY DECISIONS.

5. RFG IS APPARENTLY BEING USED TO PASS MESSAGES TO INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS GENERAL INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE. HEARD HAVE BEEN REQUESTS FOR THE MANAGER OF A LOCAL COMPANY (BELIEVED TO BE THE GRENADIAN TRANSPORT COMPANY) TO CONTACT "OFFICIALS AT FORT RUPERT; REQUESTS FOR "ANYONE KNOWING THE WHEREABOUTS OF MR. PAUL OR JOHN BROWN PLEASE TELL THEM TO CALL 3177"; "WILL THE SON OF MRS. PHYLLIS WILLIAMS PLEASE CALL HIS MOTHERS HOUSE"; AND "THE MATRON OF THE HOSPITAL HAS ASKED THAT ALL AFTERNOON STAFF BE ALERTED THAT TRANSPORTATION WILL BE SENT BY THEIR HOMES TO PICK THEM UP TO TAKE THEM TO WORK AT THE HOSPITAL".

6. THERE HAS BEEN A REPORT OF ONE AMCIT BEING TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE PRA. THIS HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETELY CONFIRMED. THERE HAS BEEN A SECOND REPORT OF A DIABETIC WHD WAS UNABLE TO SECURE INSULIN SUPPLIES WHO FLED GRENADA OVERNIGHT AND REACHED SAFETY AND SUPPLIES. ANOTHER REPORT STATES A LACK OF TETANUS TOXIN IN GRENADA AND A LACK OF NURSES AT THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE THE NURSES "WERE AFRAID".

7. COMMENT: IT IS BELIEVED THAT STATEMENTS FROM THE GRENADIAN RMC MUST BE TAKEN WITH A LARGE GRAIN OF SALT. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE CARIBBEAN LEFTIST CAMP IS TALKING A VERY WELL DEFINED PARTY LINE OF PSYOPS IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBIVARE THE NEED FOR A FOREIGN INTERVENTION. IT IS ALSO VERY EVIDENT THAT THERE ARE IN FACT LIFE-THREATENING SITUATIONS IN GRENADA. THE EARLIER REPORTS OF A LACK OF ELECTRICAL POWER ON THE ISLAND COULD HAVE RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF REFRIGERATION AND ATTENDANT LOSS OF REFRIGERATED MEDICAL SUPPLIES. THERE HAVE BEEN NO OFFICIAL REQUESTS
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SUBJECT: GRENADA SITUATION

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2. I CALLED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE FRANCISCO PAPANONI ON AN URGENT BASIS TO OBTAIN GOV'S VIEWS ON THE SITUATION IN GRENADA. (FYI THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS IN ROME, THE VICE MINISTER IS IN EASTERN EUROPE AND PAPANONI IS IN CHARGE OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE.)

3. PAPANONI SAID THAT HE TALKED AT 1145 A.M. (EST) (15 MINUTES AGO) WITH THE CHARGE IN GRENADA. LATTER TOLD HIM THAT AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED IT WAS ALL OVER. THE ARMY IS IN COMPLETE CONTROL. A 96-HOUR CURFEW HAS BEEN DECLARED. ALL MEMBERS OF THE VENE-

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ZUELAN MISSION ARE INSIDE THEIR BUILDINGS AND WELL. CHARGE SAID THAT THE MAJOR FIGHTING AND THE KILLING OF BISHOP AND THE OTHER MINISTERS TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY BUT TODAY AN EERIE CALM REIGNS.

4. I ASKED PAPARONI WHETHER HE PLANNED EVACUATION OF ANY VENEZUELAN. PAPARONI REPLIED THAT YESTERDAY THE CHARGE HAD SUGGESTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE A NEED TO EVACUATE ABOUT EIGHT PERSONS (WOMEN AND CHILDREN) OF THE VENEZUELAN MISSION THERE. THERE ARE NO OTHER VENEZUELAN IN GRENADA. HOWEVER, TODAY THE CHARGE WITHDREW HIS REQUEST AND SAID IN HIS VIEW THERE WAS NO FURTHER NEED FOR EVACUATION.

5. I ASKED PAPARONI TO INFORM ME AS SOON AS THERE IS ANY FURTHER NEWS BY TELEPHONE FROM CHARGE. LANDAU
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OFFICIALLY, FORMALLY RESOLVES UNANIMOUSLY TO INTERVENE
BY FORCE IF NECESSARY ON GRENADA AND PLEADS FOR U.S.
ASSISTANCE

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2. I WAS ASKED BY TOM ADAMS TO COME TO HIS RESIDENCE
TONIGHT. HE SAID THAT HE AND DOMINICAN PRIME MINISTER
EUGENIA CHARLES HAD BEEN DEPUTIZED BY THE MEMBER NATIONS
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES (OECs)
TO SPEAK ON THEIR BEAHLF TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES. ACCOMPANIED BY DAS GILLESPIE AND DCM FLOWER, I
MET WITH ADAMS AND CHARLES FROM 9:00 TO 11:30 P.M. FOR
THE LAST HOUR, JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER EDWIN SEAGA JOINED
OUR MEETING.

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3. ADAMS AND CHARLES, WHO CHAIRS THE OECS, SAID THAT THEY HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF ALL OECS MEMBER STATES (MINUS GRENADA OF COURSE) TO INFORM THE U.S. OFFICIALLY THAT THE OECS HAD FORMALLY RESOLVED TO FORM A MULTINATIONAL CARIBBEAN FORCE TO UNDERTAKE TO DEPOSE THE OUTLAW REGIME ON GRENADA BY ANY MEANS, INCLUDING INTERVENTION BY FORCE OF ARMS; AND SECONDLY, TO ASK THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES FOR THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND MEANS TO DO THIS. IF IT IS DESIRABLE, THE OECS WOULD MAKE A REQUEST TO US IN WRITING.

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4. ACCORDING TO THE PRIME MINISTERS, THE CHARTER OF THE OECS PROVIDES FOR THIS EVENTUALITY. ARTICLE 8 SPELLS OUT THAT THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MAY COLLECTIVELY AGREE TO TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES ARE NECESSARY TO DEFEND THE REGION AND PRESERVE THE PEACE. BOTH ADAMS AND CHARLES (AND LATER SEAGA) ARE CONVINCED THAT THE CHARTER PROVIDES THE LEGAL BASIS FOR SUCH AN INTERVENTION.

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5. THIS DECISION IS NOT YET PUBLIC AND THEY HAVE NO IMMEDIATE INTENTION OF ANNOUNCING IT, ALTHOUGH ST. LUCIAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN COMPTON HAS BEEN QUOTED BY THE PRESS AS HAVING SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT RULE OUT AN ARMED INTERVENTION.

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6. THE MEMBERS OF THE OECS WHICH UNANIMOUSLY SELECTED THIS COURSE ARE: ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, ST. LUCIA, DOMINICA, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS AND MONTSERRAT. BARBADOS IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE OECS. ADAMS, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT, SAID THAT BARBADOS FULLY ASSOCIATES ITSELF WITH THE RESOLUTION AND ANY ACTION CONSEQUENCES WHICH FOLLOW.

BARBADOS
JAMAICA

7. CHARLES REITERATED: THE OECS HAS TAKEN THIS DECISION

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OFFICIALLY AND FORMALLY. IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT A TENTATIVE ONE TO BE LATER WITHDRAWN OR DENIED. THE OECS WILL ASK FOR HELP FROM U.K., FRENCH AND OTHERS, BUT IF THE U.S. CAN BE COUNTED ON TO PROVIDE ORGANIZATION AND MUSCLE, ACTION WOULD NOT BE DELAYED WAITING FOR LATECOMERS.

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8. FOR ALL, TIMING IS AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IN VIEW OF THE CARICOM HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING NOW SET FOR 1800 HOURS, 22 OCTOBER. ADAMS IS CONCERNED THAT THE DELIBERATIONS OF THIS MEETING WILL LEAK OUT INTO THE PRESS OR TO OTHER UNFRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THE GUYANESE (BURNHAM WILL NOT ATTEND BUT HIS REPRESENTATIVES WILL). HE BELIEVES, AND MISS CHARLES AGREES, THAT A DECISION TO ACT BY THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL BEFORE THE MEETING CONVENES IN TRINIDAD.

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9. TOM ADAMS IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THE TRINIDADIAN'S WOULD JOIN AN INTERVENTION EFFORT. CHARLES SHARES HIS SKEPTICISM ABOUT PORT OF SPAIN. BOTH WOULD LIKE TO BE SURPRISED BUT ADAMS' MISGIVINGS ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO COMPEL HIM TO NOT GO TO THE CARICOM SUMMIT ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE WOULD BE MORE USEFUL HERE. MORE THAN ONCE HE ALLUDED TO THE TRINIDAD VENUE FOR THE CARICOM MEETING AS SIMPLY A GESTURE TO SATISFY THAT COUNTRY'S VANITY. CLEARLY HE DOES NOT EXPECT MUCH TO COME OUT OF THAT MEETING WHICH HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN DECIDED HERE, NOW, BEFOREHAND. LATER, BOTH CHARLES AND SEAGA AGREED THAT THE PORT OF SPAIN MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE; TO CANCEL WOULD SEND A NEGATIVE SIGNAL, THAT WOULD RISK TRINIDAD'S NON-PARTICIPATION UNNECESSARILY. THEY AGREED THAT MATTERS OTHER THAN INTERVENTION SHOULD BE ON THE AGENDA. WE OBSERVED THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE, PROBABLY NONE, OF CONTROLLING DISCUSSION OF INTERVENTION. EVEN SO, MEETING'S CANCELLATION COULD RAISE DOUBT OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN SOLIDARITY,

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ANTAGONIZE MEMBERS, ALIENATE CHAMBERS AND BAHAMAS'
PINDLING UNNECESSARILY.

10. AT THIS POINT, BOTH PRIME MINISTERS EMPHASIZED TO
US THE UNANIMITY OF THE OECS MEETING. THERE WERE,
APPARENTLY, NO RESERVATIONS WHATSOEVER BY ANYONE.
EXCEPT FOR DEPUTY PM LESTER BIRD OF ANTIGUA, ALL THE
COUNTRIES WERE REPRESENTED BY THEIR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT,
NOT REPRESENTATIVES OR DEPUTIES. MOST VISCERALLY OUT-
SPOKEN, TO HEAR MISS CHARLES TELL IT, WAS JOHN OSBOURNE
OF MONTERRAT (NOT YET INDEPENDENT), FOLLOWED BY DPM
LESTER BIRD OF ANTIGUA. JOHN COMPTON OF ST. LUCIA WAS
A STRONG, COGENT, ANALYTICAL ADVOCATE OF INTERVENTION.
THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY OECS CHAIRMAN EUGENIA CHARLES.
ADAMS WAS PRESENT BUT DID NOT TAKE PART OFFICIALLY.

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11. AT THE OECS THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF HOW TO MANAGE THE POST-INTERVENTION. THERE WAS TOTAL AGREEMENT THAT IF THE U.S. AGREED TO UNDERTAKE THE MILITARY ORGANIZATION, THE U.S. SHOULD HAND OVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE PROCESS OF GRENADA'S RESTORATION TO DEMOCRACY TO SOME ADMINISTRATION COMPOSED OF STRICTLY CARIBBEAN ELEMENTS. THE SOONER THIS HAPPENED, THE BETTER. ONE PRIME MINISTER SUGGESTED AS QUICKLY AS 48 HOURS.

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12. AT THIS POINT, JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER EDWARD SEAGA ARRIVED. UNAWARE THAT THE OECS HAD ACTED, HE PROPOSED AN INTERIM STEP--A NAVAL BLOCKADE OF GRENADA EFFECTED BY THE U.S. AND VENEZUELA. HE BELIEVES THAT SUCH A BLOCKADE WAS CALLED FOR IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE THE CUBANS FROM AUGMENTING THEIR PERSONNEL ON THE ISLAND OR TAKING OTHER PRE-EMPTIVE ACTION. MADE AWARE THAT THE OECS HAD TAKEN A DECISION TO INTERVENE TO DEPOSE THE REGIME ON GRENADA BY FORCE IF NECESSARY, SEAGA AGREED THAT THE DISCUSSION HAD MOVED BEYOND THE QUESTION OF A BLOCKADE ALONE. THE JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IF IT WAS A MULTINATIONAL MILITARY INTERVENTION OPTION THAT WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION, HE WAS PREPARED TO JOIN IMMEDIATELY AND SUBSTANTIALLY. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD SEND A COMPANY OF 120 JAMAICAN DEFENSE FORCE TROOPS TO BARBADOS FOR STAGING AND THAT HE COULD HAVE THEM HERE OCTOBER 22 IF THAT WERE CALLED FOR AND HE WAS INFORMED SOON ENOUGH (BY NOON). ADAMS HAS COMMITTED 50 ARMED BDF TROOPS; MONTSERRAT WOULD SEND TEN CONSTABLES. EACH OF THE OTHER NATIONS ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING SOME APPROPRIATE NUMBER FOR A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 300.

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13. COMMENT: THESE THREE LEADERS EXPRESSED A PROFOUND SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE. THEY ARE COMPLETELY COMMITTED TO DOING SOMETHING, ANYTHING TO SET THINGS RIGHT ONCE AGAIN ON GRENADA. THEY KNOW THEY CAN NOT DO IT ALONE. THEY HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THEIR OWN

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CAPABILITIES. ONLY BARBADOS AND JAMAICA HAVE MILITARY UNITS RESEMBLING A TRADITIONAL ARMY, BUT THEY KNOW THAT THEY ARE UNTRAINED, ILL-EQUIPPED AND HAVE VIRTUALLY NO EXPERIENCE WITH THE KIND OF OPERATION THEY CONTEMPLATE. THE OTHERS HAVE ONLY THEIR DOMESTIC POLICE FORCES WHICH, IN THE BRITISH TRADITION, DO NOT NORMALLY BEAR ARMS. STILL, MISS CHARLES, FOR ONE, WILL COMMIT THE SPECIAL SERVICE UNIT OF HER CONSTABULARY POLICE FORCE. THE PROSPECT OF HELP FROM THE U.S. (ALTHOUGH WE TOLD THEM NO REPEAT NO U.S. DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN) SUSTAINS THE ACTIVE SPIRIT OF THESE LEADERS. IF WE FALTER, SO WILL THEIR EFFORT. END COMMENT. BISH
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STUDENTS AND OTHER AMERICANS IN GRENADA

AT 2130 OCTOBER 22, EMBASSY RECEIVED CALL FROM MR. JOSEPH
TRAVIS, PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF NEAR,
WHICH STANDS FOR QUOTE NATION-WIDE WORLD-WIDE EMERGENCY
RETURN UNQUOTE, TELEPHONE NO. (405) 949-2500, ADDRESS:
919 NORTH MACARTHUR BLVD., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73127.
HE WAS CALLING ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
QUOTE PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF GRENADA UNQUOTE, WHOSE
CHILDREN ARE INSURED BY HIS COMPANY. (NEAR HAS APPROXI-
MATELY 100,000 MEMBERS, STUDENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.)
NEAR PROVIDES WORLD-WIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT.
THEIR BUSINESS IS IMMEDIATE TRANSPORT. NEAR HAS HAD AN
EVACUATION PLAN IN EFFECT SINCE LAST TUESDAY TO EVACUATE
BY CHARTER FLIGHTS, PAID BY THE PARENTS (IF COMMERCIAL
AIRLINES COULD NOT FLY INTO GRENADA'S AIRPORT, AND IF
THE AIRPORT WAS OPEN) ALL THE STUDENTS UNDER THEIR PLAN,
AS WELL AS ALL OTHERS WHO WANTED TO LEAVE. HE SAID HE
DEALS REGULARLY WITH THE QUOTE CITIZENS EMERGENCY
CENTER UNQUOTE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. NEAR IS
PREPARED TO ACT IN CONCERT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA TO EFFECT THE IMMEDIATE
MOVEMENT OF ALL THE STUDENTS. THEY WOULD NEED TO KNOW,
FOR THE APPROPRIATE TRANSPORT, HOW MANY STUDENTS WOULD
WANT TO LEAVE. A MEETING PREVIOUSLY PLANNED IN NEW YORK
CITY OF NEAR MEMBERSHIP WILL BE INCLUDING PARENTS OF THE
200 MEDICAL STUDENTS IN GRENADA. IT WILL BE HELD AT
THE JFK AIRPORT, BRITISH AIRWAYS, PRINCESS ROOM, AT
1300 ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23. HE SAID HE WAS PERSONALLY

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TAKING AN INTEREST BECAUSE OF HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH MR. AL BUXBAUM, WHOSE SON MARK IS A STUDENT OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL IN GRENADA. MR. BUXBAUM IS PRESIDENT OF THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL STUDENTS IN GRENADA, TELEPHONE NUMBER AT HOME IS (516) 791-6722, OFFICE NUMBER IS (516) 535-3474. MR. TRAVIS SAID THAT ALL OF THE PARENTS ARE HYSTERICAL WITH THE THOUGHT OF THE U. S. SHIPS BEING DIVERTED FROM LEBANON. HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH SOMEONE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO SEE WHAT COULD BE ARRANGED AND WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO TELL THE PARENTS SOMETHING SUNDAY. THE PARENTS WILL DECIDE ON SUNDAY WHETHER OR NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE EVACUATION PLANS. EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN TOLD HIM THAT THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR, MR. KURZE, WAS MEETING WITH THE MEDICAL STUDENTS THIS EVENING AND FROM ALL OUR REPORTS TO DATE, THE STUDENTS ARE FINE. EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN TOLD MR. TRAVIS THAT THEY WOULD REPEAT HIS OFFER TO WASHINGTON. BISH
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1. *S* - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. TONY GILLESPIE AND I MET WITH ADAMS AND SEAGA
(SEAGA'S REQUEST) MORNING OF 10/24 AT BARBADOS AIRPORT.
3. SEAGA BEGAN BY RAISING HIS CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE
TASK FORCE DIVERSION TO LEBANON (PROMPTED BY PRESS REPORTS
AND POSSIBLY BY INTELLIGENCE THEY MAY HAVE HAD.) WE
ASSURED HIM ON THIS POINT.
4. A KEY POINT WAS THEN RAISED BY ADAMS, WHO RECONFIRMED
INFORMATION PASSED LAST NIGHT TO AMBASSADOR MOTLEY THAT

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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL WAS WILLING TO COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY AS SOON AS HE WAS SECURED, INCLUDING FORMAL REQUEST FOR OECS ASSISTANCE TO ESTABLISH SECURE PEACE. (IN DEBRIEF, MG CRIST WAS INFORMED OF THIS AND TOP PRIORITY SECURING GOVERNOR GENERAL THEREFORE ASSUMES.) IN COURSE OF HIS COMMENTS, ADAMS INFORMED US THAT MARGARET THATCHER WAS CURRENTLY HOLDING A CABINET MEETING TO CONSIDER THE OECS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE AND THAT HMG WAS CONSIDERING SENDING AN SAS DETACHMENT IN RESPONSE. (WE HAVE SINCE LEARNED ROYAL NAVY WILL BE 30 MILES OFF GRENADA AT 0100 LOCAL, OCTOBER 25.)

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5. SEAGA AND ADAMS HAD AGREED THAT THE CARIBBEAN CONTINGENT OF THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY FORCE SHOULD BE ENTITLED "THE CARIBBEAN PEACE FORCE." COMMENT: OUR APPROACH SHOULD BE THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD SUPPORT BUT NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE "CPF." END COMMENT.

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6. PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT: SEAGA AND ADAMS HAVE REACHED FIRM CONCLUSION THAT NO PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT CAN OR SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IMMEDIATELY. RATHER, THE OECS DEFENSE COMMITTEE WILL WORK WITH THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND FORCE COMMANDER TO DIRECT ACTIVITIES ON GRENADA FOR PLUS OR MINUS ONE WEEK, AT WHICH TIME GOVERNOR GENERAL WOULD ANNOUNCE STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

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7. COMMENT AND REQUESTED ACTION: IT IS CLEAR FROM OUR MEETINGS LAST NIGHT AND TODAY THAT THE CARIBBEANS EXPECT TO ASSUME THE MAJOR ROLE IN SELECTING TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. OF COURSE, THEY WERE HAPPY TO LISTEN TO SUGGESTIONS WE FLOATED BY THEM.

END COMMENT AND REQUESTED ACTION.

8. SOVIETS, CUBANS, LIBYANS: ONE IMMEDIATE STEP SEAGA AND ADAMS INDICATE CARIBBEAN FORCE WILL TAKE WILL BE TO

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INFORM NATIONALS OF THESE COUNTRIES RESIDENT IN GRENADA (INCLUDING DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS) THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER WELCOME. ALTERNATIVE SCENARIO IS FOR GOVERNOR GENERAL TO DISINVITE THESE INDIVIDUALS.

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9. ADAMS HAD PRESUMED THAT EUGENIA CHARLES WOULD BE IN BRIDGETOWN TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT AT TIME OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY ACTION. HOWEVER, HE DEFERS TO OUR DESIRES. SHE'S PREPARED TO MOVE AT ANY TIME.

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10. AMBASSADOR BISH HAS RECEIVED SIGNED FIRST PERSON DIPNOTE FROM PRIME MINISTER CHARLES IN CAPACITY OF OECS CHAIRMAN COVERING OECS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TEXT OF WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED IN BRIDGETOWN 6574. (MCNEIL WILL HAND CARRY TO WASHINGTON.) TEXT OF DIPNOTE: QUOTE. YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES PRESENTS HER COMPLIMENTS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN AND HAS THE HONOUR TO TRANSMIT HERewith A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE TREATY ESTABLISHING THE ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES. --THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES AVAILS HERSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW THE ASSURANCES OF HER HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. SINCERELY, M. EUGENIA CHARLES, CHAIRMAN, ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES. 23RD OCTOBER, 1983. END TEXT.

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GRENADA TALKING POINTS FOR MR. MCFARLANE

Meeting with the President and Congressional leadership 8:00 p.m., Monday, 24 October.

Background

- Grenada is an island country with a population of 85,000.
- In 1974, it became an independent member of the British Commonwealth.
- On March 13, 1979, Maurice Bishop overthrew the existing government.
- Before, during and after Bishop's coup, Cuba's Ambassador was one of Castro's most skilled covert action operatives, Oswaldo Cardenas (the same Cuban who helped the Suriname dictator murder the democratic opposition there in December 1982).
- Bishop's New Jewel Movement became increasingly doctrinaire, pro-Cuban and repressive.
- Under the guise of non-alignment, the Bishop dictatorship worked increasingly close with Cuba and the Soviet Union.
- Currently, an estimated 600 Cubans and 30 Soviets are on the island.

Negative Consequences of the Bishop Regime and its Successor

- Repression for the people of Grenada with thousands fleeing the country.
- Cooperation with Cuba and Libya in subversive activities directed against neighboring Caribbean democracies.
- Completion of a new airfield with a 9,000 foot runway meant that the Soviet Union might land nuclear capable bombers there -- perhaps one way of carrying out their threats to respond with "analagous measures" to the coming INF deployment in Europe.
- The port of St. Georges is capable of accommodating Soviet nuclear ballistic submarines and their tenders -- another possible Soviet response to INF.
- The most hard-line, marxist-leninist group staged a coup against Bishop on October 12 leading to his death along with five of his Cabinet ministers -- producing an even worse government.

Monday

~~6:00~~ 6:00 p.m. -- President meets with Ambassador McNeil. - TENTATIVE - MAY NOT BRING BACK. RESIDENCE

CABLES
3:00PM

Late p.m. -- Presidential call to Prime Minister Thatcher to inform of our decision to take action.

6:00PM FINAL CHECK

8:00PM ~~10:00~~ p.m. -- President consults with 4 Congressional leaders and offers full briefing at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday. - OVAL RESIDENCE (COVERT) SITRM

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. -- Presidential bilateral with Mrs. Charles. OVAL

Call after 8:00pm. 8:00 a.m. -- President meets with Congressional leadership. CABINET

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?

ATTENDANCE 8:00 PM

PRESIDENT

VP

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WEINBERGER

VESSEY

McFARLANE

INTRO - BUD/PRESIDENT

DIP - SHULTZ

MIL - WEINBERGER/VESSEY

Q's & A's -

How large a force

Is it adequate

Estimates of casualties

1) forces

2) citizens

How long

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Grenada

The documents listed below are transmitted for your approval and, as appropriate, distribution to members of the Grenada SSG.

Also transmitted herewith is a draft of a letter from President Reagan to Prime Minister Thatcher. We would like to present the signed letter to the British Ambassador at a meeting scheduled for 3:30 on Monday afternoon. Your assistance in seeking the President's approval of the text would be appreciated.

Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- A. Documents for Review and Approval
 - 1. Contingency White House press guidance on despatch of Special Emissary.
 - 2. Talking Points for use by President in consulting Congressional leadership.
 - 3. Public statement by President after operation has begun.
 - 4. Draft War Powers report to Congress.
 - 5. Talking Points for use by President in meeting with Ambassador McNeil
- B. Draft letter Prime Minister Thatcher. for President's Signature

Send via CABO
at 1500.
2nd. cable later.

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GRENADA - PRESIDENT SENDS SPECIAL EMISSARY TO CARIBBEAN

IF ASKED ONLY

Q: Could you comment on reports that the President has sent a special emissary to Barbados to discuss with situation in Grenada with Caribbean heads of state?

A: -- On Sunday, October 23, at the request of the President, Ambassador Francis J. McNeil departed Washington, D.C. for Bridgetown, Barbados to consult with representatives of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Jamaica and Barbados. ~~Ambassador McNeil is expected to return to Washington later this afternoon to consult with President Reagan and his advisers about the situation surrounding developments in Grenada.~~

-- Ambassador McNeil, a career foreign service officer and most recently U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica, will be consulting with the OECS (Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, St. Kitts/Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent) as well as with other Caribbean heads of government about what all agree to be the continuing grave situation on Grenada and the serious concerns of the regional states.

-- Ambassador McNeil is ~~also~~ expected to return with up-dated information on the status of up to 1,000 U.S. citizens on the island following yesterday's visit to Grenada by officials from the U.S. Embassy in Bridgetown, Barbados.

Q: There has been considerable speculation in the media from the region about their interest in a possible intervention in Grenada. Will that issue be discussed?

A: -- The possibility that the Eastern Caribbean States might raise the issue can't be ruled out. Organized in 1981, one of the purposes of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) was to address such issues as collective defense and the preservation of peace and security.

Q: Will the redeployment of a U.S. naval Task Force to the Caribbean be a topic of discussion?

A: -- The Task Force has been deployed to the Mediterranean through the Caribbean for normal rotational duty.

Q: What is the current U.S. assessment of developments in Grenada?

A: -- We are expecting Ambassador McNeil to provide an updated assessment during his discussions this afternoon.

-- At the moment we share the increasing concern of the Eastern Caribbean States as what appears to be growing evidence of disintegration of civil order on Grenada and the failure of any functioning governmental institutions to emerge.

-- An additional focus of our concern continues to be the welfare of U.S. citizens on Grenada.

Q: To what degree will the weekend attacks on the U.S. Marine and French contingents of the Multi-National Force in Lebanon affect the routing of the Task Force through the Caribbean?

A: -- That's currently under discussion.

TALKING POINTS TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP ON GRENADA
(BEFORE EVENT)

-- The United States Government has decided to accede to a formal request of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) to support and participate in a collective security effort to restore peace and order in Grenada. Barbados and Jamaica, to whom the request was also made, have also responded favorably.

--Besides the three countries mentioned above, the collective security force has contingents from Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts/Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent, all members of the OECS.

--The decision to form a collective security force was taken by the OECS states, acting pursuant to the Treaty establishing the organization, in a joint meeting on October 21. This decision was in response to the deteriorating conditions in the member State of Grenada.

--On October 12, a violent series of events in Grenada was set in motion, which led to the death of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and a number of his Cabinet colleagues, as well as civilians. At least 18 deaths have been confirmed. The chief visible act of government authority in the past week has been the adoption of a shoot-on-sight curfew.

--We have been following the situation as closely as possible. Some 800 to 1000 Americans, including many medical students and senior citizens, make up the largest single group of foreign residents in Grenada. From the start of these latest troubles, we consciously sought to calm fears so as not to exacerbate the situation or increase the risks they might face.

--However, with growing evidence of disintegration and danger, with indications that American citizens are exposing themselves to risks in order to escape, we agreed to the urgent requests from Grenada's neighbors to participate in the collective security force.

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--We have agreed to provide necessary transport and logistics support and to send _____ U.S. armed forces [specify] to participate in the collective security force. Our objectives are clear. Concerning the involvement of U.S. troops, they are to protect U.S. citizens and to facilitate the evacuation of those who want to leave, and to help provide stability as Grenada's neighbors help Grenada to reestablish functioning institutions.

--Our diplomacy will be directed towards working in close cooperation with the OECS and the other countries participating in this multilateral effort.

--I will make a televised announcement shortly after the operation begins. Until that time the contents of the briefing must be closely held in order to protect the security of the operation and the lives of those participating in it. We will be consulting other members of Congress once the operation has begun.

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PUBLIC STATEMENT FOR THE PRESIDENT

The United States is participating in a multilateral effort organized at the initiative of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States to protect lives, including American lives, forestall anarchy and provide safety on the island of Grenada, whose government has been violently eliminated over the past ten days.

This morning, forces from eight countries, including contingents from Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, Jamaica, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and the United States arrived in Grenada.

First reports from Grenada's capital, St. Georges, are that _____ .

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This collective action was impelled by events that have no precedent in the Eastern Caribbean and no place in civilized society. What appears to have begun the evening of October 12 as a struggle for power among contending factions within an illegitimate, self-appointed elite suddenly deteriorated into an orgy of murder. On October 19, Grenada's people and the outside world were informed that the Prime Minister, five Cabinet ministers, and many political leaders had been killed. The late Prime Minister's main rival for power, the Deputy Prime Minister, has not been seen since. There are reports that he, too, is dead. In the midst of this extraordinary situation, the imposition of a shoot-on-sight curfew has been the chief visible act of authority.

A number of U. S. citizens have fled from Grenada in light of the violence and uncertainty that it will cease. We have received hundreds of calls from concerned parents and other relatives.

As is well known, the United States has for some time been concerned by Grenada's tightening links to Cuba and the Soviet Union. The tragic events of the last ten days,

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however, appear to have had no direct relationship to that problem. Rather, what seems to have taken place is a complete disintegration of organized authority.

This weekend, Grenada's neighbors in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, unable to receive reliable information or assurances about this disturbing situation, concluded that they must cooperate to restore constitutional order in Grenada.

The Organization formally appealed for assistance to other Caribbean neighbors and friendly governments, pointing out that the stakes include not only the physical safety of the people in Grenada, both foreigners and citizens of that country, but the peace and security of the Eastern Caribbean region as a whole.

We had been following the situation as closely as possible. Some 800 to 1000 Americans, including many medical students and senior citizens, make up the largest single group of foreign residents in Grenada. From the start of these latest troubles, we consciously sought to calm fears so as not to exacerbate the situation or increase the risks they might face.

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Yesterday, however, with growing evidence of disintegration and danger, with indications that American citizens are exposing themselves to risks in order to escape, and without any indication that order was in fact emerging out of the bloodletting, we agreed to the urgent requests from Grenada's neighbors to participate in the joint effort now underway.

U.S. objectives are clear. As concerns the involvement of U.S. troops, they are to protect U.S. citizens and to facilitate the evacuation of those who want to leave, and to help provide stability as Grenada's neighbors help Grenada to reestablish functioning institutions. I understand that several Caribbean states have already asked that the Organization of American States consider the situation in Grenada. Our diplomacy will be to work in close cooperation with the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States and the other countries participating in this multilateral effort.

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

On October 12, a violent series of events in Grenada was set in motion, which led to the murder of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and a number of his Cabinet colleagues, as well as the deaths of a number of civilians. Over 40 killings were reported. There appeared to be no government capable of ensuring the protection of life and property, and restoring law and order. The only visible indication of authority was an announcement that a barbaric shoot-to-kill curfew was in effect.

Seriously concerned by the deteriorating conditions in the member State of Grenada, the Authority of Heads of Government of Member States of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, acting pursuant to the Treaty establishing the Organization, met in emergency session on October 21. The meeting took note of the anarchic conditions and the serious violations of human rights and bloodshed that had occurred, and the consequent threat to the peace and security of the region created by the vacuum of authority on Grenada. The Organization unanimously determined immediately to take necessary steps to restore on Grenada conditions of tranquillity and order, so as to protect against further loss of life and abuses of human rights, pending the restoration of effective governmental institutions. To this end, the Organization formed a collective security force comprising elements from member countries and requested the immediate

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cooperation of a number of friendly States, including the Government of the United States, in these efforts.

In response to this call for assistance and out of concern for the welfare of the 800-1000 United States citizens in Grenada, I have authorized the Armed Forces of the United States to participate in this collective security force. In accordance with my desire that the Congress be fully informed on this matter, and consistent with the War Powers Resolution, I am hereby providing a report on the deployment and mission of these members of the United States armed forces.

On October 25, approximately _____ of [unit] landed in Grenada along with other contingents of collective security force from Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Jamaica, and Barbados. [Insert facts concerning operations, equipment, situation we found, resistance met, casualties, if any, security situation at the time report is filed, situation of U.S. nationals, etc.]

[The Governor-General of Grenada has welcomed the arrival of the collective security force and has announced his intention to appoint an interim government to hold elections as soon as possible. The Organization of Eastern Caribbean States has indicated that the collective security force will be prepared to provide continuing assistance, in response to a request from the Grenadian authorities, as they restore governmental institutions and security.]

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This deployment of the United States Armed Forces is being undertaken pursuant to the President's constitutional authority with respect to the conduct of foreign relations and as Commander-in-Chief of the United States Armed Forces.

Although it is not possible at this time to predict the precise duration of the presence of U.S. forces in Grenada, our objectives in providing this support are clear. They are to assist the Eastern Caribbean forces as they join with the people of Grenada in restoring order and governmental institutions, and to facilitate the evacuation of those U.S. citizens and other foreign nationals who want to depart. Our forces will remain only so long as their presence is required to accomplish these objectives.

It is our fervent hope that this terrible tragedy will now end and that the Grenadian people will be able to promptly restore their society.

Sincerely,

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Talking Points for the President
For the Meeting with Special Emissary McNeil
October 24, 1983

- I wish to express my appreciation for your willingness to undertake this sensitive mission and on such short notice.
- Based on your consultations in Bridgetown, how do you assess the current attitudes of the leaders of the Organization of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECES) and Barbados and Jamaica concerning the situation in Grenada?
- Do these leaders remain firm in their desire to seek US assistance and to take collective action to restore democratic rule in Grenada? Did you detect any significant signs of faint-heartedness in their ranks?
- I think it is important that these states contribute to the best of their ability to the formation of a combined military force in the event collective action is necessary. Are they willing to do this?
- A fundamental objective of our joint action in Grenada would be to facilitate the installation of a provisional government that would call for early, free and fair elections.
- What are your views on the prospects for achieving this goal? Are the Eastern Caribbean leaders agreed on the people who might participate in a provisional government?
- I consider it essential that the Caribbean countries take the lead in presenting the case for collective action on Grenada in the OAS and the UN. Based on your discussions in Bridgetown are they willing to do this?
- It would be most helpful, in the event collective action becomes necessary, to have the OECES Chairperson, Mrs. Charles, come to Washington early tomorrow to convey her request in person to me and then appear before the press with me after the meeting. Would she be in a position to present the OECES case persuasively to the OAS?
- Thank you again for performing this important mission for me. Is there anything additional you want to report from your Bridgetown talks that you believe I should consider before I reach a final decision?

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DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER

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Dear Margaret,

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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 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 have raised similar concerns which are, of course, magnified by their proximity to and limited ability to defend themselves against the threat which Grenada 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 they go unpunished. They have 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.

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I am writing to inform you that I am giving serious consideration to the OECS request. I dispatched a Special Emissary, Ambassador Francis McNeil, to Bridgetown on Sunday to confer with Prime Minister Adams and other leaders on their plans, which I understand are already being put into effect through the assembly in Barbados of forces from the various island nations. Ambassador McNeil informed Prime Minister Adams that the United States firmly endorses the the political objectives of the 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 the Grenada a Governor General could be a key figure in this operation, since he is the only remaining voice of legitimacy and should be the 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 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.

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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.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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