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Bob,

The present ROE
for tonight do not
include shooting down
Cuban aircraft that
might try to reinforce
island. This should
be clearly understood.

Larry thinks we should
consider a more active
ROE.

John

We need Thatcher cable
ASAP. Sir Oliver Wright has
asked to see Larry at 2:15. (over)

He is carrying message
that Brits would prefer
sanctions other than
intervention. Larry
feels probably coming
from FCO. He needs
to talk to Oliver about
letter to Thatcher.

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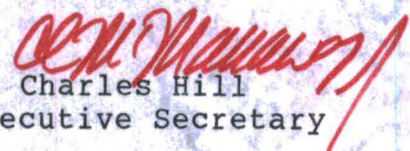
June 17, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Grenada

On receipt of your memorandum of June 15 the Secretary asked the Acting Assistant Secretary for ARA to convene a restricted interagency meeting in order to take up implementation of the President's decisions.

The Interagency Team met on June 17 and will be ready to forward its overall action plan through the Secretary to you by June 24. We will propose a course of action with regard to Bishop's public statements by June 21.


Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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FOR: Mr. McFarlane ✓
Ambassador Motley

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE AMBASSADOR

SUBJECT: SITUATION ON GRENADA

1. THE SITUATION ON GRENADA REMAINS A BIT UNCERTAIN, BUT IT NOW LOOKS AS THOUGH HARD-LINE, MARXIST-LENINIST BERNARD COARD HAS ALREADY OR SHORTLY WILL TAKE OVER. AT THE MOMENT, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY APPEARS TO BE THE DECIDING FACTOR. THIS MORNING, PRA COMMANDER HUDSON AUSTIN PUBLICLY RULED BISHOP OUT AS A SELFISH INCOMPETENT EGOTIST; BUT HE DID NOT RULE COARD IN. STILL, OUR BEST GUESS IS THAT COARD AND COMPANY WILL END UP IN POWER IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. WHILE BISHOP WAS NO FRIEND OF OURS, COARD AND RADICALS WILL MAKE MATTERS WORSE.

2. THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO AMERICAN CITIZEN INTERESTS. BUT THE SITUATION COULD CHANGE,

AND WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO EVACUATE A MAXIMUM OF 800-1000 CITIZENS, 600 OF THEM AT THE ST. GEORGE'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CAMPUSES AT GRAND ANSE AND TRUE BLUE. WITHOUT INTENDING TO SOUND A PREMATURE ALARM, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE REVIEW OUR CONTINGENCY PLANS AND PERHAPS TENTATIVELY IDENTIFY THE MILITARY ASSETS THAT WOULD BE CALLED UPON SHOULD AN EVACUATION BECOME NECESSARY.

3. IT OCCURS TO ME, AS IT DOUBTLESSLY HAS TO YOU, THAT THE POLITICAL TURMOIL ON GRENADA MAY POSE AN OPPORTUNITY AS WELL AS A PROBLEM. THE POLITICAL POWER SEEMS TO BE SOLIDIFYING IN COARD'S FAVOR, BUT THINGS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN. THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION HAVE WITNESSED A CYNICAL AND SELF-INTERESTED STRUGGLE. THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY HAS ENTERED THE PICTURE, BECOMING A SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL FACTOR. EVEN IF COARD SUCCEEDS, BISHOP RETAINS SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT. AND THEN THERE IS THE QUESTION OF WHAT COARD WILL DO WITH BISHOP. CLEARLY, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT CAN NO LONGER BE SEEN AS THE MONOLITH IT PREVIOUSLY APPEARED TO BE. THE CONFUSED SITUATION OF DIVIDED LOYALTIES POSES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A THIRD FORCE REPRESENTING DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM. IF WE EVER ENTERTAINED THE OPTION OF SUPPORTING, COVERTLY OR OTHERWISE, SUCH A FORCE, NOW WOULD SEEM TO BE THE TIME TO ACT. IF WE HAVE DEVELOPED A WORKABLE PLAN IN THIS REGARD, I URGE FORWARD MOVEMENT. THE NEXT TEN DAYS PROVIDE A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY. I FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT WE GET REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. PERHAPS THERE ARE WAYS WE COULD DIMINISH THE SUBSTANTIAL FLOW OF REMITTANCES FROM THE U.S., OR WE COULD GET REALLY HARDNOSED IN THE INTER-NATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND MULTILATERAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS. WHO KNOWS, A LONG LOOK MIGHT TURN UP A NUMBER OF UNIMAGINED WAYS TO MAKE LIFE UNCOMFORTABLE FOR THE PRG.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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October 24, 1983

MEETING WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP (RESTRICTED)
GRENADA

DATE: October 24, 1983
LOCATION: Residence
TIME: 8:00-9:00 p.m.
FROM: Robert C. McFarlane

[Handwritten initials]

I. PURPOSE: This meeting has been called to consult with the Congressional leadership regarding the use of U.S. military forces. This meeting fulfills requirements of the War Powers Resolution.

II. BACKGROUND: On October 12, a violent series of events in Grenada led to the death of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, a number of his cabinet colleagues, and at least 18 civilians. A revolutionary military council is now running the country.

We have 800-1000 American citizens on Grenada, most of them students at St. George's Medical School. There are indications of continued unrest and the safety of U.S. citizens cannot be guaranteed. Additionally, the new regime is a hard-line, doctrinaire, pro-Cuban, communist group.

On October 21, seven Caribbean democracies, including the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), and Barbados and Jamaica, requested our support and participation in restoring peace, order and democracy to Grenada. Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts/Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent, as well as Barbados and Jamaica, have promised to send contingents in a collective security force.

We have agreed to provide requisite transport and logistic support to these forces and send in approximately 1900 U.S. personnel to participate in this operation. Our objectives are straight-forward:

- Protect American lives.
- Restore democracy to Grenada.
- Prevent further Cuban/Soviet influence.

Secretaries Shultz and Weinberger and General Vessey will provide the details on foreign policy and the U.S. military operations. Your talking points are at Tab A.

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III. PARTICIPANTS:

- The President
- The Vice President
- Secretary Shultz
- Secretary Weinberger
- General Vessey
- Robert C. McFarlane
- Senator Baker
- Senator Byrd
- ~~Senator Thurmond~~
- Speaker O'Neill
- Majority Leader Wright
- Minority Leader Michael

Messrs. Meese, Baker and Deaver to attend at their discretion
DUBERSTEIN, DARMAN

IV. PRESS PLAN: None

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- 7:45-8:00 p.m. Congressional Leaders arrive
- 8:00-8:05 p.m. Opening remarks by the President (Tab A)
- 8:05-8:15 p.m. Introduction by Robert C. McFarlane
- 8:15-8:30 p.m. Foreign policy implications (Secretary Shultz)
- 8:30-9:00 p.m. Military operations (Secretary Weinberger and General Vessey)

Attachment

Tab A - Talking Points

- cc: The Vice President
 Edwin Meese
 James Baker
 Michael Deaver

TALKING POINTS FOR USE BY THE PRESIDENTMEETING WITH RESTRICTED CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Thank you for coming at this late hour. What I am going to tell you is extremely sensitive information that affects the lives of U.S. servicemen. I ask that you hold it solely to yourselves until tomorrow.
- On October 12, the coup in Grenada resulted in the overthrow of the government, which led to the death of the Prime Minister, five cabinet members, and at least 18 civilians.
- The Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts/Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent) asked us to help protect lives and restore democracy in Grenada.
- These states recognize that the new radical regime in Grenada is a threat to their security, and poses a potential threat to the stability of the entire region.
- In response to this threat, I have authorized U.S. military forces (1900) to participate with seven Caribbean democracies in a multi-lateral action to protect lives, including U.S. citizens, and to help restore democracy in Grenada.
- I reached this difficult decision to use U.S. forces for one reason: to protect the national security interests of the United States. We simply cannot permit the Soviet Union and Cuba to impose their will on nations whose security is so closely linked to our own.
- Bud, would you please lead off?

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER NORTH
CONSTANTINE MENGES
ROGER W. FONTAINE

SIGNED

SUBJECT: Talking Points for the President's Meeting with the
Congressional Leadership, October 24, 1983

Attached at TAB I is a memorandum from you to the President
forwarding talking points for his use with the Congressional
leadership. The talking points are attached at TAB A.

It is important to note that the talking points containing
information available to us as of October 24, 1983 Monday 17:58:44.
This is particularly pertinent to the troops strength numbers.

RECOMMENDATION

That you initial and forward TAB I with TAB A attached.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

- TAB I - McFarlane Memo to the President
- TAB A - Talking Points for the President's
Meeting with the Congressional
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October 25, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *RCM*
SUBJECT: Morning Press Statement Regarding U.S.
Operations in Grenada

You will be addressing the press at 9:00 a.m. today regarding U.S. military operations in Grenada.

The purpose of your statement at Tab A is to reassure the nation and the world regarding our participation in this action. You will have just met with Prime Minister Eugenia Charles of Dominica (the Chairman of the OECS), and briefed the bipartisan Congressional leadership in the Cabinet Room. Following your remarks, Mrs. Charles will make a statement citing the need for the action and her gratitude for our responsiveness.

RECOMMENDATION

OK NO

— — That you use the statement at Tab A.

Attachment:
Tab A Presidential Statement

cc Vice President

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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.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: OLIVER NORTH
CONSTANTINE MENGES
ROGER W. FONTAINE

SIGNED

SUBJECT: Presidential Press Statement

Attached at TAB I is a memorandum from you to the President forwarding the President's public statement on the situation in Grenada. The President's public statement is attached at TAB A.

The President's statement reports the United States is participating in a multilateral effort at the initiative of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States and states clearly our collective objectives in this action.

RECOMMENDATION

That you initial and forward TAB I with TAB A attached.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

TAB I - McFarlane Memorandum to the President
TAB A - President's Public Statement on Grenada.

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PUBLIC STATEMENT FOR THE PRESIDENT

AFTER THE OPERATION HAS BEGUN

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Early this morning, forces from six Caribbean democracies and the United States landed on the island of Grenada in the Eastern Caribbean.

I ordered American participation in this multinational effort, which was organized at the urgent, formal request of the five democracies in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States. Forces from seven countries, including contingents from Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the United States are now on Grenada.

We have taken this decisive action for three reasons: first, and of over-riding importance, to protect innocent lives, including up to 1,000 Americans whose personal safety is my paramount concern; second, to forestall further disorder; and three, to assist in the restoration of democracy to the island of Grenada where a brutal group of leftist thugs violently seized power, killing the Prime Minister, three cabinet members, two labor leaders and other civilians, including children.

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Let there be no misunderstanding: this collective action has been forced on us by events that have no precedent in the Eastern Caribbean, and no place in any civilized society. American lives are at stake. What appears to have begun the evening of October 12, as a struggle for power among contending factions of a dictatorship, degenerated into widescale murder. In the midst of this extraordinarily dangerous situation, the only visible act of authority has been imposition of a shoot-on-sight curfew. We have witnessed a complete disintegration of any organized authority.

The Caribbean democracies and the United States have - since 1980 - been concerned by Grenada's tightening links to Cuba and the Soviet Union. The tragic events of the last ten days, appear to have had no direct relationship to either the Soviets or the Cubans. We do know, however, that Grenada's self-proclaimed military leaders are hard-line Communists with close and long-held ties to Moscow and Havana. These new rulers have not succeeded in establishing peace or stability.

Last weekend, Grenada's neighbors in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States were still unable to receive reliable information or assurances. They decided they had to take collective action to restore constitutional and democratic order in Grenada.

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But when I received reports that a large number of our citizens were seeking to escape the island, thereby exposing themselves to great danger, and after receiving a formal request for help from neighboring states, I concluded the United States had no choice but to act strongly and decisively. I thus agreed to the urgent requests from Grenada's neighbors to participate in the joint effort now underway.

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MEETING WITH THE BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP
GRENADA

DATE: October 25, 1983
LOCATION: Cabinet Room
TIME: 8:15-9:00 a.m.

FROM: Robert C. McFarlane *RCM*
Kenneth Duberstein

I. PURPOSE: This meeting has been called to consult with the Congressional leadership regarding the use of U.S. military forces in Grenada. This is a follow-on to the restricted leadership meeting held last night.

II. BACKGROUND: On October 23, 1983, seven Caribbean democracies, including the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Barbados and Jamaica requested U.S. support and participation in restoring peace, order, and democracy to Grenada. This request resulted from the recent coup in which Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, at least 3 of his Cabinet, and as many as 18 civilians were killed. A revolutionary military council under General Hudson Austin is now running the country. There are 800 to 1000 Americans on the island, most of them students at St. George's Medical School.

In response to the request from the OECS and evidence of continued instability and threat to American citizens, the U.S. agreed to the plea for assistance. At about 5:00 a.m., October 25, 1983 (this morning), approximately 1,900 U.S. Marines and soldiers landed on Grenada as part of a multi-national force. The objectives of this operation are to:

- protect American lives;
- restore democracy to Grenada; and,
- prevent further Cuban/Soviet influence in Grenada.

Secretaries Shultz and Weinberger, and GEN Vessey will provide details on the operation and its foreign policy implications. Your talking points are at Tab A.

cc Vice President
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Jim Baker
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III. PARTICIPANTS:

The President
The Vice President
Secretary Shultz

Secretary Weinberger
GEN John W. Vessey, Jr.
Asst. Secretary Tony Motley

Senate

Howard Baker, Majority Leader
Ted Stevens, Assistant Majority Leader
Strom Thurmond, President pro tempore of Senate
James McClure, Chairman of the Republican Conference
John Tower, Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee
Jake Garn, Secretary of the Republican Conference
Charles Percy, Chairman, SRFC
Paul Laxalt

Alan Cranston, Minority Whip
Daniel Inouye, Secretary of the Democratic Conference
Sam Nunn, Ranking Member, Armed Services Committee
Claiborne Pell, Ranking Member, SFRC

House

Thomas O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the House
Jim Wright, Majority Leader
Tom Foley, Majority Whip
Gillis Long, Chairman of the Democratic Caucus
Clement Zablocki, Chairman, HFAC
Melvin Price, Chairman, Armed Services Committee

Robert H. Michel, Republican Leader
Trent Lott, Minority Whip
Jack Kemp, Chairman of the Republican Conference
Dick Cheney, Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee
Jack Edwards, Vice Chairman, Republican Conference
William Dickinson, Ranking Member, Armed Services Committee
William Broomfield, Ranking Member, HFAC

Staff

Jim Baker, Ed Meese, Mike Deaver, Robert McFarlane, Ken
Duberstein, Dick Darman, Dave Gergen, Craig Fuller, Fred
Fielding, Larry Speakes, Nancy Risque, M.B. Oglesby, Pam
Turner, Chris Lehman, Jennifer Fitzgerald

IV. PRESS PLAN: Photo opportunity.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- 8:15-8:20 a.m. Opening remarks by the President (Tab A)
- 8:20-8:30 a.m. Introduction by Robert C. McFarlane
- 8:30-8:40 a.m. Foreign Policy Implications (Secretary Shultz)
- 8:40-8:50 a.m. Military Operations (Secretary Weinberger and GEN Vessey)
- 8:50-9:00 a.m. Discussion

Attachment

Tab A - Talking Points

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TALKING POINTS FOR USE BY THE PRESIDENT

MEETING WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Thank you for coming. The matter I have called you on is of serious import and concern.
- Last night I met with Senators Baker and Byrd, Speaker O'Neill, and Congressmen Wright and Michel to consult with them regarding our preparations to introduce U.S. military forces on Grenada.
- We now have approximately 1,900 U.S. Marines and soldiers on Grenada as part of a multi-national force to restore order, peace, and democracy to these suffering people.
- As some of you undoubtedly know, the recent coup in Grenada resulted in the death of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, 3 of his Cabinet members, and at least 18 civilians.
- We have been seriously concerned for the safety and lives of our 800 to 1,000 American citizens on the island.
- On October 23, we received a formal request from the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS: Antigua, Dominica, St. Kitts/Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent), as well as Jamaica and Barbados, for U.S. participation and assistance in this endeavor.
- In response to this request for help and the threat to our citizens, I authorized U.S. military forces to participate in this operation. Approximately 360 allied troops are now or soon will be on the ground with our units.
- In making this difficult decision, I weighed, with my advisors, the risk to our citizens, the evidence of further radicalization of Grenada, and the obvious indications of increased Cuban intervention/influence.
- All of the democracies participating in this operation have done so for one principal reason: protection of vital national interests. We agreed that we simply could not permit the Soviet Union and Cuba to impose their will further in this hemisphere.
- So that you may be fully informed, Secretaries Shultz and Weinberger, GEN Vessey, and the National Security Advisor are here with details. Bud, would you please lead off.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

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SUBJECT: Presidential Meeting with Expanded
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Attached at Tab I is a memorandum from you and Ken Duberstein to the President in preparation for his meeting with the expanded Congressional leadership at Tuesday, October 25, 1983, at 8:00 a.m. in the Cabinet Room. The President's talking points are attached at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION

That you initial and forward the memo at Tab I with Tab A attached.

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Attachments

- Tab I - McFarlane and Duberstein Memo to the President
- Tab A - Talking Points

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PUBLIC STATEMENT FOR THE PRESIDENT AFTER THE OPERATION HAS BEGUN

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Early this morning, forces from six Caribbean democracies and the United States landed on the island of Grenada in the Eastern Caribbean.

I ordered American participation in this multinational effort, which was organized at the urgent, formal request of the five democracies in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States. Forces from seven countries, including contingents from Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the United States are now on Grenada.

We are taking this decisive action for three reasons: first, and of over-riding importance, to protect innocent lives, including up to 1,000 Americans whose personal safety is my paramount concern; second, to forestall further disorder; and third, to assist in the restoration of democracy to the island of Grenada where a brutal group of leftist thugs violently seized power, killing the Prime Minister, three cabinet members, two labor leaders and other civilians, including children.

Let there be no misunderstanding: this collective action has been forced on us by events that have no precedent in the Eastern Caribbean, and no place in any civilized society. American lives are at stake. What appears to have begun the evening of October 12, as a struggle for power among contending factions of a dictatorship, degenerated into widescale murder. In the midst of this extraordinarily dangerous situation, the only visible act of authority has been imposition of a shoot-on-sight curfew. We have witnessed a complete disintegration of any organized authority.

The Caribbean democracies and the United States have - since 1980 - been concerned by Grenada's tightening links to Cuba and the Soviet Union. The tragic events of the last ten days, appear to have had no direct relationship to either the Soviets or the Cubans. We do know, however, that Grenada's self-proclaimed military leaders are hard-line Communists with close and long-held ties to Moscow and Havana. These new rulers have not succeeded in establishing peace or stability.

Last weekend, Grenada's neighbors in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States were still unable to receive reliable information or assurances. They decided they had to take collective action to restore constitutional and democratic order in Grenada.

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3. QUOTE THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES, ACTING OUT OF THE GRAVE CONCERN OF ITS MEMBERS FOR THE ANARCHY, BLOODSHED, AND CALLOUS DISREGARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE ISLAND OF GRENADA, HAS ASKED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ASSIST ARMED FORCES OF ITS MEMBER STATES IN THE RESTORATION OF SECURITY IN GRENADA. IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST, AND TAKING INTO DUE ACCOUNT THE

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QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS AWARE THAT SOVIET MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL MAY BE PRESENTLY IN GRENADA. IT WISHES TO ASSURE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS THAT ALL EFFORTS ARE BEING AND WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THOSE PERSONS WHILE ORDER IS BEING RESTORED. THOSE PERSONNEL WILL BE GRANTED SAFE PASSAGE FROM GRENADA AS SOON AS CONDITIONS PERMIT.

QUOTE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION WHICH MIGHT EXACERBATE THE DELICATE SITUATION IN GRENADA. UNQUOTE.

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4. BESSMERTNYKH THEN ASSERTED THAT THE US WAS PERPETRATING "AN ACT OF UNPROVOKED MILITARY AGGRESSION" AGAINST A SOVEREIGN STATE. HE SAID THAT THERE WERE, IN FACT, SOVIET CITIZENS IN GRENADA AND THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR SAFETY. FINALLY, BESSMERTNYKH STATED THAT THE US WAS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT WAS A CLEAR VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL NORMS AND WAS USING OTHER COUNTRIES' PARTICIPATION IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISGUISE THIS. HE SAID THAT JUST BECAUSE THIS ACTION WAS TAKING PLACE "IN THE US' BACKYARD" DID NOT EXCUSE THE US FROM OBSERVING INTERNATIONAL NORMS. FINALLY, HE UNDERTOOK TO REPORT OUR APPROACH TO HIS SUPERIORS.

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