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UNCLAS BRUSSELS 14408

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E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: EEC, EAID, GRENADA

SUBJECT: EC SUSPENDS AID TO GRENADA

AT THE DAILY NOON PRESS BRIEFING ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 25, THE EC COMMISSION SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE EC COMMISSION, AT ITS WEEKLY MEETING TUESDAY MORNING, DECIDED TO FREEZE ALL COOPERATION ACTIONS WITH GRENADA UNTIL THE SITUATION ON THE ISLAND HAS BEEN CLARIFIED. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DECISION WAS TAKEN AFTER THE COMMISSION HAD BEEN "DULY INFORMED" OF THE RECENT EVENTS IN GRENADA (BUT BEFORE NEWS OF THE U.S. AND CARIBBEAN STATES' ACTION HAD REACHED BRUSSELS). ACCORDING TO HIM, IT WILL INVOLVE THE SUSPENSION OF ANY FURTHER AID PAYMENTS UNTIL THE COMMISSION HAS OBTAINED MORE INFORMATION ON INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS ON THE ISLAND AND THE RELATIONS WHICH THE NEW GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ESTABLISH WITH THE ACP COUNTRIES (IN PARTICULAR WITH CARICOM - THE 13-NATION CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY) AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THE CANCELLATION OF THE VISIT WHICH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND OFFICIALS WERE SCHEDULED TO PAY TO GRENADA ON NOVEMBER 3-5 AS PART OF A TOUR OF THE CARIBBEAN AREA.

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E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR

TAGS: PREL, MILI, OAS, US, GE

SUBJ: GRENADA: INFORMING KOHL AND GENSCHER

REF: STATE 303759

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. I MET JOINTLY WITH CHANCELLOR KOHL AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 25 TO INFORM THEM OF THE U.S. DECISION TO ACCEDE TO THE REQUEST OF THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES (OECs) TO PARTICIPATE IN A COLLECTIVE SECURITY EFFORT IN GRENADA. I COVERED THE ESSENTIAL POINTS OUTLINED REFTEL AND LEFT WITH THEM A NON-PAPER DETAILING THE BACKGROUND AND PURPOSES BEHIND THE U.S. ACTION (REFTEL).

3. THE CHANCELLOR THANKED ME FOR INFORMING HIM SO RAPIDLY AND URGED THAT WE KEEP HIM FULLY INFORMED AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BECAME AVAILABLE. HE SAID THAT INEVITABLY "CERTAIN GROUPS" IN THE FRG WOULD ATTACK THE AMERICAN ACTION AS FURTHER PROOF OF THE AGGRESSIVE NATURE OF U.S. POLICY. IT WAS IMPERATIVE THEREFORE THAT THE GOVERNMENT BE IN A POSITION TO COUNTER ANY DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGNS THAT MIGHT ARISE. GENSCHER AGREED AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE OPERATION WOULD BE COMPLETED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, SINCE A DRAWN-OUT EFFORT COULD FUEL ANTI-U.S. SENTIMENT IN THE FRG. HE ASKED IF WE HAD ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE PARTICIPATION OF UK FORCES OR IF LONDON HAD BEEN CONSULTED PRIOR TO THE OPERATION. I SAID THAT I HAD NO INFORMATION ON EITHER POINT. COMMENTING ON THE EVACUATION ASPECT OF THE OPERATION, GENSCHER SAID HE HOPED THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THE 20 SOME FRG CITIZENS IN GRENADA SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO LEAVE.

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I ASSURED BOTH THE CHANCELLOR AND GENSCHER THAT WE WOULD DO THAT AND THAT WE WOULD KEEP THEM INFORMED ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE OPERATION AS SOON AS THE INFORMATION BECAME AVAILABLE.

4. COMMENT: I CONCUR IN THE CHANCELLOR'S AND GENSCHER'S JUDGMENT THAT THE GRENADA AFFAIR MAY BE SUCCESSFULLY EXPLOITED BY ANTI-AMERICAN ELEMENTS IN THE FRG. ACCORDINGLY, I WOULD URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO GET AS MUCH INFORMATION TO THE FRG AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO MINIMIZE POSSIBLE ADVERSE PUBLIC FALL-OUT. IN MY VIEW, WE WILL BE BEST SERVED HERE IF WE COULD KEEP THE EMPHASIS ON THE ROLE OF OTHER STATES IN THE REGION AND IF WE ARE ABLE TO DOCUMENT POSSIBLE CUBAN OR SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN GRENADA.

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~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ STATE 304000

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PREL, MOPS, CASC, GJ, BB, JM, AT

SUBJECT: NEED FOR OECS GOVERNMENT'S TO ADVISE  
. CANADA, GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND WEST GERMANY

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. NUMEROUS EUROPEAN POSTS HAVE REPORTED EUROPEAN BELIEF THAT GRENADAN MILITARY ACTION IS A UNILATERAL U.S. INITIATIVE.

3. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH ALL OECS GOVERNMENTS REQUESTING THAT THEY COMMUNICATE WITH LOCAL EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVES TO EXPLAIN THE COOPERATIVE NATURE OF THE UNDERTAKING AND THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE OECS TREATY.

4. FOR KINGSTON AND BRIDGETOWN: IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT PRIME MINISTERS SEAGA AND ADAMS BE REQUESTED TO COMMUNICATE AS SOON AS-POSSIBLE WITH PIERRE TRUDEAU, MARGARET THATCHER, HELMUT KOHL AND FRANCOIS MITTERRAND TO EXPLAIN:

-- REASONS BEHIND AND CHRONOLOGY OF DECISION TO CONDUCT COLLECTIVE SECURITY EFFORT;

-- INITIATING ROLE OF OECS AND OTHER CARIBBEAN STATES; AND

-- PARTICIPATION OF OECS AND OTHER CARIBBEAN STATES IN OPERATIONS. SHULTZ

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6936  
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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PREL, MILI, OAS, GU, US, XK, XL, XS, IS

SUBJECT: GRENADA: ISRAELI REACTION TO  
- U.S./CARIBBEAN RESPONSE IN GRENADA

REF: STATE 303760

1. (~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.)

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2. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL, WE INFORMED  
MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL BAR-ON OF THE  
AMERICAN RESPONSE IN GRENADA. BAR-ON IMMEDIATELY  
TELEPHONED OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR, AND THEN  
EXPRESSED FULL UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR OUR  
ACTIONS.

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PREL, MILI, OAS, GJ, US, XK, XL, XS

SUBJECT: GRENADA: DEMARCHE TO PRESIDENT OF PANAMA

REF: STATE 303758

1. ~~(S~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. PRESIDENT DE LA ESPRIELLA RECEIVED ME AND DCM PRYCE AT HIS HOME EARLY THIS MORNING. WE FOUND HIM FOLLOWING THE UNFOLDING GRENADA EVENTS, AVAILABLE HERE ON CABLE NEWS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MY DEMARCHE (REFTEL) HE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR OUR ACTION AND ONLY HALF IN JEST ADDED THAT HE WISHED WE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE NICARAGUAN PROBLEM AT THE SAME TIME.

4. DE LA ESPRIELLA INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CRITICISM OF OUR ACTIONS FROM PANAMA BUT STOPPED SHORT OF SAYING HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD SUPPORT US PUBLICLY.

5. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD ASK GENERAL NORIEGA TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO AVOID ANY DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST U.S. INSTALLATIONS. BRIGGS

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 8381  
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EO 12356 : DECL: OADR

TAGS : PREL, MILI, OAS, GJ, US, XK, XL, XS, NU

SUBJ : GRENADA: US POLICY IN RESPONSE TO EASTERN CARIBBEAN  
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

REF : STATE 303760

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE AMBASSADOR CALLED THIS MORNING ON VICE FOREIGN MINISTER NORA ASTORGA TO PRESENT TALKING POINTS ON GRENADA PROVIDED REFTEL. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT THIS ACTION FOLLOWED THE GRAVE DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION IN GRENADA AND A REQUEST BY OTHER STATES IN THE REGION FOR US PARTICIPATION IN THE JOINT OPERATION. THE US'S OBJECTIVES WERE TO HELP RESTORE ORDER AND PROTECT US LIVES.

3. ASTORGA RESPONDED THAT NICARAGUA VIGOROUSLY CONDEMNED THE "INVASION". THE GRN DEEPLY LAMENTED THE DEATH OF PRIME MINISTER BISHOP AND WAS TROUBLED BY RECENT EVENTS IN GRENADA. NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS AN INTERNAL MATTER AND THE US HAD NEITHER THE LEGAL NOR THE MORAL RIGHT TO INTERVENE. THIS ACT WAS A DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE UN CHARTER AND THE FACT THAT OTHER REGIONAL STATES HAD REQUESTED SUCH ACTION WAS NO JUSTIFICATION. THE GRN WOULD MOBILIZE OPPOSITION TO THIS ACTION IN APPROPRIATE FORA AND SEEK THE EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF INVADING FORCES.

4. THE AMBASSADOR REITERATED THE PURPOSE OF US INVOLVEMENT AND SAID THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DEFEND OUR ACTIONS FULLY IN THE OAS. WE DID NOT REGARD THEM AS VIOLATING INTERNATIONAL LAW.

5. THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT WHATEVER FORM THE GRN'S CONDEMNATION TOOK, HE HOPED IT WOULD NOT IN ANY WAY JEOPARDIZE THE SECURITY OF THE EMBASSY. ASTORGA ASSURED HIM THAT THE EMBASSY WAS IN NO DANGER AND THAT IT WOULD BE FULLY PROTECTED.

NOTE: THE GRN POSTED A SPECIAL SECURITY DETAIL IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY AT MID-MORNING.

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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PREL, MILI, OAS, GJ, US, BL

SUBJECT: GRENADA: REPRESENTATION TO PRESIDENT SILES TO  
 - INSTRUCT BOLIVIAN CHAIRMAN OF PERMANENT COUNCIL  
 - OF OAS TO BE COOPERATIVE

REF: (A) STATE 303758, (B) STATE 303760, (C) RONDON/  
 A CORR TELCON 10/25/83

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. AT 0820 ON OCTOBER 25, I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER JOSE ORTIZ MERCADO TO DISCUSS THE USG RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST BY THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES (OECS) TO PARTICIPATE IN A COLLECTIVE SECURITY FORCE IN GRENADA. THE TALKING POINTS PROVIDED IN REFS A AND B WERE GIVEN TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN WRITING. ORTIZ TOLD ME THAT HE WOULD GO IMMEDIATELY TO THE PRESIDENT TO REVIEW THE SUBJECT WITH HIM. ORTIZ MET THE PRESIDENT AND THEN PROCEEDED TO THE AIRPORT WHERE HE DEPARTED FOR A VISIT TO PERU.

3. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REF C TELCON, I SPOKE DIRECTLY WITH PRESIDENT SILES

4. I TOLD PRESIDENT SILES THAT FORCES FROM SIX DEMOCRATIC CARIBBEAN STATES, WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE OECS, ALONG WITH THE UNITED STATES WERE CARRYING OUT A COLLECTIVE SECURITY EFFORT TO RESTORE PEACE AND ORDER, PROTECT FOREIGN NATIONALS AND RESTORE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT TO GRENADA. I EMPHASIZED AGAIN THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WAS ACTING AT THE REQUEST OF THE OECS.

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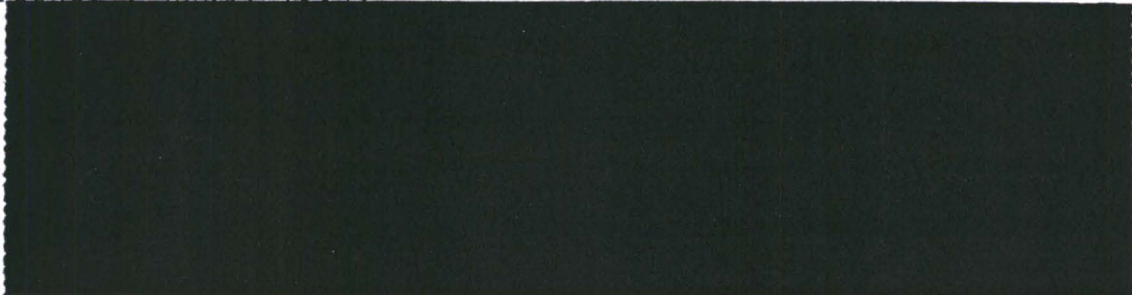
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6. PRESIDENT SILES RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD MEET IMMEDIATELY WITH THE INTERIM FOREIGN MINISTER, INTERIOR MINISTER FEDERICO ALVAREZ PLATA, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS THE MATTER. HE SAID THAT BOLIVIA'S PRIMARY INTEREST IN SITUATIONS SUCH AS THIS IS THAT THERE BE FREE-SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLES IN THE NATIONS INVOLVED. HE SAID HE OR INTERIM FOREIGN MINISTER ALVAREZ PLATA WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH ME LATER IN THE DAY.

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E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: PREL, MILI, OAS, GJ, US, XK, XL, XS

SUBJECT: REAGAN AND CHARLES STATEMENTS ON GRENADA

1. FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM TEXT OF THIS MORNING'S PRESIDENTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE ON GRENADA. ALSO INCLUDED IS THE VERY STRONG STATEMENT BY DOMINICA PRIMIN (AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES) EUGENIA CHARLES.

2. BEGIN TEXT

THE PRESIDENT: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, THE UNITED STATES RECEIVED AN URGENT, FORMAL REQUEST FROM THE FIVE MEMBER NATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES TO ASSIST IN A JOINT EFFORT TO RESTORE ORDER AND DEMOCRACY ON THE ISLAND OF GRENADA. WE ACCEDED TO THE REQUEST TO BECOME PART OF A MULTINATIONAL EFFORT WITH CONTINGENTS FROM ANTIGUA, BARBADOS, DOMINICA, JAMAICA, ST. LUCIA, ST. VINCENT AND THE UNITED STATES. I MIGHT ADD THAT TWO OF THOSE, BARBADOS AND JAMAICA, ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION BUT WERE FIRST APPROACHED, AS WE LATER WERE, BY THE OECS

AND ASKED TO JOIN IN THAT UNDERTAKING. AND THEN ALL OF THEM JOINED UNANIMOUSLY IN ASKING US TO PARTICIPATE.

EARLY THIS MORNING, FORCES FROM SIX CARIBBEAN DEMOCRACIES AND THE UNITED STATES BEGAN A LANDING OR LANDINGS ON THE ISLAND OF GRENADA IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN.

WE HAVE TAKEN THIS DECISIVE ACTION FOR THREE REASONS. FIRST, AND OF OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE, TO PROTECT INNOCENT LIVES, INCLUDING UP TO 1,000 AMERICANS WHOSE PERSONAL

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SAFETY IS, OF COURSE, MY PARAMOUNT CONCERN. SECOND, TO FORESTALL FURTHER CHAOS, AND THIRD, TO ASSIST IN THE RESTORATION OF CONDITIONS OF LAW AND ORDER AND OF GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS 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. WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THE SITUATION AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE. BETWEEN 800 AND 1,000 AMERICANS, INCLUDING MANY MEDICAL STUDENTS AND SENIOR CITIZENS, MAKE UP THE LARGEST SINGLE GROUP OF FOREIGN RESIDENTS IN GRENADA.

FROM THE START WE HAVE CONSCIOUSLY SOUGHT TO CALM FEARS. WE WERE DETERMINED NOT TO MAKE AN ALREADY BAD SITUATION WORSE AND INCREASE THE RISKS OUR CITIZENS FACED. 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, A UNANIMOUS REQUEST FROM OUR NEIGHBORING STATES, I CONCLUDED THE UNITED STATES HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ACT STRONGLY AND DECISIVELY.

LET ME REPEAT, THE UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES ARE CLEAR, TO PROTECT OUR OWN CITIZENS, TO FACILITATE THE EVACUATION OF THOSE WHO WANT TO LEAVE AND TO HELP IN THE RESTORATION OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN GRENADA.

I UNDERSTAND THAT SEVERAL CARIBBEAN STATES ARE ASKING THAT THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES CONSIDER THE SITUATION IN GRENADA.

OUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS WILL BE IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THIS MULTINATIONAL EFFORT.

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1. FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM TEXT OF THIS MORNING'S PRESIDENTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE ON GRENADA. ALSO INCLUDED IS THE VERY STRONG STATEMENT BY DOMINICA PRIMIN (AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES) EUGENIA CHARLES.

2. BEGIN TEXT

THE PRESIDENT: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, THE UNITED STATES RECEIVED AN URGENT, FORMAL REQUEST FROM THE FIVE MEMBER NATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES TO ASSIST IN A JOINT EFFORT TO RESTORE ORDER AND DEMOCRACY ON THE ISLAND OF GRENADA. WE ACCEDED TO THE REQUEST TO BECOME PART OF A MULTINATIONAL EFFORT WITH CONTINGENTS FROM ANTIGUA, BARBADOS, DOMINICA, JAMAICA, ST. LUCIA, ST. VINCENT AND THE UNITED STATES. I MIGHT ADD THAT TWO OF THOSE, BARBADOS AND JAMAICA, ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION BUT WERE FIRST APPROACHED, AS WE LATER WERE, BY THE OECS

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WE HAVE TAKEN THIS DECISIVE ACTION FOR THREE REASONS. FIRST, AND OF OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE, TO PROTECT INNOCENT

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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.

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2. ACTION REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 6.

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6. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS. VAN HEUVEN

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SURINAME  
CONCERNING THE EVENTS IN GRENADA

ON 21 OCTOBER THE GOVERNMENT OF SURINAME ISSUED AN OFFICIAL  
STATEMENT CONCERNING THE EVENTS IN GRENADA. THE STATEMENT WAS  
PRINTED IN THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED "DE WARE TIJD" -TRANSLATION  
IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE. "OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT STATEMENT CONCERNING  
GRENADA" BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE SURINAME GOVERN-  
MENT ABOUT THE SITUATION IN GRENADA, THE GRENADIAN PEOPLE ARE  
FACING A SERIOUS CRISIS WHICH COULD HAVE AFFECT ON THE ENTIRE  
REGION.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF SURINAME HAVE CONTINUED TO  
GIVE THEIR SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT TO THE JUSTIFIED STRUGGLE OF  
THE GRENADIAN PEOPLE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRIME MINISTER  
BISHOP TO REALIZE THE FREEDOM AND PROGRESS IN THEIR OWN TRUE  
REVOLUTION.

THE SURINAME GOVERNMENT AND THE SURINAME PEOPLE CANNOT AND  
SHOULD NOT ACCEPT THE DEVELOPMENTS IN GRENADA IF THOSE DEVELOP-  
MENTS ARE NOT WORKING TOWARDS THE GOALDS OF THE GRENADIAN  
REVOLUTION.

THE GOVERNMENT OF SURINAME RECOGNIZES THE RIGHTS OF ALL NATIONS  
TO MANAGE THEIR OWN INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUT PUTS SPECIAL EMPHASIS  
ON THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE OF GRENADA ARE NOT IN SUPPORT OF  
THE OVERTHROW AND KILLING OF PRIME MINISTER BISHOP AND THE  
OTHER TRUE PATRIOTS.

THE SURINAME GOVERNMENT REGRETS THE DEVELOPMENTS IN GRENADA

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VERY MUCH AND IS IN COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE CONSEQUENCES NATIONAL  
AND INTERNATIONAL OF THE GRENADA SITUATION, AND ALSO TO GUARAN-  
TEE THE PROSPEROUS CONTINUATION OF THE SURINAME REVOLUTION.  
WP OCTOBER 1983 END QUOTE.

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SUBJ: GRENADA: U.S. POLICY IN RESPONSE TO EASTERN  
CARIBBEAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

REF: A) STATE 303758; B) STATE 303760;

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. EMBASSY REACHED FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL EGO AGUIRRE EARLY MORNING OCTOBER 25 TO EXPLAIN U.S. AND ALLIED ACTIONS ON GRENADA AND TO SEEK PERUVIAN UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT. EGO AGUIRRE, WHO APPARENTLY WAS ALREADY AWARE OF BASIC FACTS, LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO PRESENTATION BUT WAS NONCOMMITAL. HE NOTED THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD GENERATE WORLDWIDE ATTENTION AND WOULD SURELY PROVOKE REACTIONS IN PERUVIAN MEDIA AND POLITICAL CIRCLES. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, HE IMPLIED, GOP PLANNED TO COLLECT INFORMATION, INCLUDING PRESIDENT REAGAN'S EXPECTED STATEMENT, AND TO ASSESS REACTIONS BY OTHERS BEFORE TAKING A POSITION. HE ASKED THAT WE PROVIDE MINISTRY WHATEVER FACTUAL INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS CONCERNING SITUATION WE HAVE OR DEVELOP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EGO AGUIRRE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN TIMING OF EMERGENCY OAS MEETING OECS REPORTEDLY PLANS TO SEEK. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SAY SO DIRECTLY, HE CONVEYED IMPRESSION THAT GOP BELIEVES THIS MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE RAPIDLY.

3. LEFTIST MEDIA AND OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES HERE CAN BE EXPECTED TO ATTEMPT TO USE COLLECTIVE SECURITY EFFORT IN GRENADA AS RALLYING POINT FOR PUBLIC PROTESTS WITH A VIEW OF INFLUENCING OUTCOME OF NATIONAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN PERU NOV. 13. FOR THAT REASON, GOP WILL HAVE TO BEAR DOMESTIC POLITICAL FACTORS IN MIND IN FORMULATING ITS APPROACH TO THIS SITUATION.

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