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TAGS: PREL, MILI, OAS, US, GJ, EK, XL, XS, PE

SUBJECT: BRENADA: PERU'S POSITION

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

2. PRIME MINISTER AND FONMIN FERNANDO SCHWALB TELEPHONED AT 1730 LOCAL TIME TO ADVISE ME THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED ALL PERUVIAN MISSIONS TO MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE AND SAY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE REGARDING THE SITUATION IN GRENADA. HE SAID TO ME, "MR AMBASSADOR I CAN ASSURE YOU PERU WILL MAINTAIN THE GREATEST SERENITY IN REGARD TO THIS MATTER." AT THE SAME TIME, SCHWALB TOLD ME THAT PERU WOULD PUBLICLY STATE ITS FIRM ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION AS STATED IN THE OAS CHARTER. HE TOLD ME THAT PERUVIAN OAS AMBASSADOR MARCHLAND WAS REPORTING THAT THERE EXISTED A "HIGH STATE OF AGITATION" IN THE OAS. SCHWALB SAID HE TOLD MARCHAND TO STAY COOL. SCHWALB WENT ON TO CONFIDE THAT BARBADOS' PARTICIPATION IN THE GRENADA AFFAIR IN HIS JUDGMENT WOULD HELP PERU'S COMPETING CANDIDACY FOR A SEAT IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. HE SAID, THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE IN PERU'S INTEREST TO BE "VERY PRUDENT" IN ITS ACTIONS.

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UNCLAS BELIZE 2973
E.O. 12356: N/A
SUBJECT: RADIO

BELIZE REPORT ON GRENADA
GOB-CONTROLLED RADIO BELIZE RAN THE FOLLOWING ITEM ON
GRENADA DURING THE MAIN MIDDAY NEWSCAST OCTOBER 25. QUOTE
ONE THOUSAND US MARINES AND FORCES FROM SIX CARIBBEAN NATIONS
HAVE LANDED ON GRANADA. THE JOINT FORCES OF THE SEVEN COUNTRIES
NOW CONTROL BOTH AIRPORTS ON THE ISLAND.
THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES ASKED THE
UNITED STATES TO HELP REESTABLISH DEMOCRACY IN GRENADA. THE
MAIN PURPOSE OF THE LANDING IN GRENADA WAS TO PROTECT INNOCENT
LIVES, TO PREVENT FURTHER CHAOS, AND TO HELP RETURN LAW AND
ORDER TO GRENADA.
THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA WAS OVERTHROWN LAST WEEK BY MARXIST
MILITARY LEADERS. OTHER NATIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN FORCE ARE
ANTIGUA, BARBADOS, DOMINICA, JAMAICA, ST. LUCIA AND ST. VINCENT.
MR. REAGAN SAID HE COULD NOT SAY HOW LONG THE FORCE COULD STAY
ON THE ISLAND. MR. REAGAN NOTED THAT THERE ARE ALMOST ONE
THOUSAND U.S. CITIZENS ON GRENADA, HE SAID THAT SEVERAL
HUNDRED OF THEM WERE BARRED FROM LEAVING THE ISLAND YESTERDAY.
SOME FIGHTING CONTINUED ON THE ISLAND.
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EO 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PREL, MILI, GJ, BH, XL, XK

SUBJ: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON GRENADA

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. PRIME MINISTER PRICE INFORMED ME THIS AFTERNOON (OCTOBER 25) THAT GUYANA IS PRESSING FOR A UN RESOLUTION CRITICAL OF U.S. AND CARIBBEAN ACTIONS IN GRENADA. PRICE SAID FORBES BURNHAM TELEPHONED EARLIER TODAY TO ASK BELIZE TO CO-SPONSOR A CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTION. BURNHAM IS ALSO ASKING BAHAMAS AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TO CO-SPONSOR SUCH A RESOLUTION.

3. PRICE SAID THAT BELIZE AND THESE OTHER THREE CARIBBEAN NATIONS HAD OPPOSED MILITARY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO GRENADA AT THE OCTOBER 22-23 CARICOM MEETING. HOWEVER, WHILE BELIZE CONTINUES TO FAVOR A NON-INTERVENTION POLICY, IT OBJECTS TO ANY LANGUAGE IN THE OPERATIVE PART OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD CONDEMN U.S. ACTIONS. PRICE SAID HE HAD JUST LEARNED FROM BELIZE UN AMBASSADOR LESLIE THAT THIS WAS LIKEWISE THE POSITION OF TRINIDAD AND THE BAHAMAS.

4. PRICE SAID HE WAS CONSIDERING SUGGESTING TO BURNHAM THAT THE PREAMBLE NOTE THE FOUR NATIONS' OPPOSITION TO INTERVENTION, WITH THE OPERATIVE PART OF RESOLUTION TO SAY THEY CONTINUE TO FAVOR NON-INTERVENTION AND RECOMMEND THAT SITUATION IN GRENADA RETURN TO NORMALITY AND THAT FOREIGN TROOPS BE WITHDRAWN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. PRICE THEN GAVE HIS REASONS FOR NOT JOINING WITH THE CARICOM MAJORITY'S DECISION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT BELIZE LIVES UNDER AN EVER PRESENT THREAT OF GUATEMALAN INTERVENTION, AND THIS GREATLY INFLUENCES GOB VIEW.

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RUEHZP/AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE 5756
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USIA FOR P/RC; AR-KORDEK

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E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: SCOM, VE

SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN MEDIA ON GRENADA SITUATION

1. SUMMARY. TUESDAY EVENING NEWSCASTS ON THE TWO COMMERCIAL TELEVISION NETWORKS IN VENEZUELA, AS WELL AS THE AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING NEWSCASTS ON THE COUNTRY'S MAJOR RADIO OUTLET, FEATURED INTERVIEWS WITH PROMINENT NATIONAL FIGURES COMMENTING UPON EVENTS TODAY IN GRENADA. OPINIONS CARRIED ON BOTH CHANNELS RANGED FROM STRONG SUPPORT TO MODERATE CONDEMNATION OF THE U.S. AND OECS DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN A COLLECTIVE SECURITY EFFORT IN THE REGION. FOR THE MOST PART, THE ROLE OF THE U.S. WAS VIEWED AS THE MAIN ELEMENT IN DEVELOPING EVENTS. PRESIDENT REAGAN'S TUESDAY MORNING STATEMENT (SUPPLIED BY USIS CARACAS)

SITUATION: GRENADA
SUBJECT CATEGORY: FILE II

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

WAS CARRIED PROMINENTLY ON VENEZUELAN RADIO, WHILE REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR LANDAU AS HE LEFT A MEETING WITH PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JAIME LUSINCHI WERE GIVEN PROMINENT PLAY ON VENEVISION, THE COUNTRY'S LEADING TELEVISION NETWORK. AT LEAST FIVE CARACAS RADIO STATIONS ALSO CARRIED OTHER REMARKS BY THE AMBASSADOR AS HE LEFT THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND NOTED THAT, IN GENERAL TERMS, HIS VISIT TO VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS WAS TO EXPLAIN WHY THE U.S. AND OECS HAD DECIDED TO UNDERTAKE A JOINT EFFORT IN THE CARIBBEAN. END SUMMARY.

2. VENEZUELAN PUBLIC FIGURES SPEAK OUT ON U.S.-OECS EFFORTS IN GRENADA. FOLLOWING ARE RESUMES OF REMARKS MADE BY A SERIES OF PROMINENT VENEZUELANES WHO COMMENTED FOR DIFFERENT TELEVISION NEWSCASTS REGARDING TODAY'S EVENTS.

3. SIMON ALBERTO CONSALVI, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER THE A.D. ADMINISTRATION OF CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ AND NOW SAID TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR A POSITION OF PRIME IMPORTANCE IN THE EVENT THAT THIS YEAR'S A.D. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, DR. JAIME LUSINCHI, IS ELECTED IN DECEMBER, AS MOST POLLS PREDICT. CONSALVI SAID THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL EXACTLY WHAT TURN EVENTS WILL TAKE BUT THAT TODAY'S INVASION WAS AN "UNFORTUNATE OUTCOME" TO LAST WEEK'S OVERTHROW OF THE BISHOP REGIME. CONSALVI SAID THAT THE "INTERVENTION WAS A FACT THAT CAUSES US CONCERN" AND THAT HE HOPES THAT THE "SITUATION CAN BE RESOLVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." CONSALVI EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. WAS NOT ALONE IN THE DECISION TO "INVADE" GRENADA, BUT THAT IT DID SO IN COORDINATION WITH "OTHER NATIONS OF THE AREA."

4. CARLOS RANGEL, AN IMPORTANT VENEZUELAN INTELLECTUAL AND SOCIAL COMMENTATOR WITH NUMEROUS BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON THE THIRD WORLD, EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. RANGEL CALLED THE MOVE TO ENTER GRENADA "JUST, OPPORTUNE AND CORRECT." HE TERMED THE MILITARY REGIME IN ST. GEORGES "BLOODY ASSASSINS, WHO WERE VASSALS OF CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION," AND CLAIMED THAT "MANY VENEZUELANES FEEL THE SAME WAY AS I DO BUT PROBABLY WOULD NOT DARE TO SAY SO PUBLICLY."

5. LUIS ESTEBAN REY, AN ACCION DEMOCRATICA PARTY DEPUTY IN THE NATIONAL CONGRESS AND A LEADING INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMENTATOR FOR EL UNIVERSAL (A CARACAS DAILY NEWSPAPER OF 160,000 CIRCULATION AND GENERALLY VIEWED TO BE THE COUNTRY'S MOST RELIABLE NEWS SOURCE). REY TERMED THE "INVASION" AS SOMETHING "CONDEMNABLE" AND LINKED IT TO THE FACT THAT A RADICAL

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REGIME HAD DISPLACED THE BISHOP GOVERNMENT IN GRENADA
JUST LAST WEEK. HE SEES THE U.S. DECISION TO "INVADE"
GRENADA AS A WAY TO TAKE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC'S MIND
OFF THE EVENTS OF SUNDAY IN BEIRUT, AND TO OFFER IT A

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USIA FOR P/RC; AR-KORDEK

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E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: SCOM, VE

SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN MEDIA ON GRENADA SITUATION
CERTAIN SATISFACTION IN KNOWING THAT THE U.S. CAN
STILL EXERCISE FORCE IN THE WORLD. REY NOTED THAT
!ODAY'S DECISION WAS A JOINT ONE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND
THE OECS NATIONS, WHO "ARE MORE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT
HAPPENS IN GRENADA THAN WASHINGTON IS."

6. JUAN JOSE MONSANT, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS FOR THE COPEI (GOVERNMENT) PARTY. MONSANT
SAID IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN
IN GRENADA BUT NOTED THAT THE MILITARY REGIME THAT
OVERTHREW THE BISHOP GOVERNMENT WAS GUILTY OF
GREAT VIOLENCE AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR VIOLATIONS OF
HUMAN RIGHTS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT VENEZUELA IS GREATLY

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CONCERNED OVER EVENTS IN GRENADA IN LIGHT OF ITS
GEOGRAPHICAL PROXIMITY TO ITS BORDERS. MCAFEE SPARKS
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UNCLAS SAN JOSE 07286
FOR USIA P/PPL, VOA/BL, AR
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E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: SCUL, CS
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTE MONGE ON GRENADA LANDINGS

1. COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT LUIS ALBERTO MONGE MADE FOLLOWING REMARKS TO LOCAL PRESS WHEN ASKED FOR HIS REACTION ON ACTION TAKEN AGAINST GRENADA. BASICALLY, HE CAME AS CLOSE AS HE COULD TO ENDORSING OECS ACTION WITHOUT APPEARING TO DEPART FROM TRADITIONAL COSTA RICAN DISASSOCIATION FROM MILITARY ACTIVITIES. SPANISH TEXT AND UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOW.

"LA REACCION QUE SE PRODUJO EN LAS ISLAS HERMANAS, QUE TODAS PERTENECEN A LA COMUNIDAD BRITANICA DE NACIONES, FUE DE MUCHA PREOCUPACION POR LA INJERENCIA DE FUERZAS EXTRANJERAS, CONCRETAMENTE SE ACUSABA A CUBA Y A LA UNION SOVIETICA, EN ESA PEQUENA ISLA DEL CARIBE; Y ESCUCHE EL DISCURSO QUE PRONUNCIO ESTA MANANA EL PRESIDENTE REAGAN Y DICE QUE ACTUARON A PEDIDO DE VARIAS DE LAS ISLAS HERMANAS DE GRENADA PARA IMPEDIR EL QUE CONTINUARA UNA INJERENCIA INCONVENIENTE EN AQUELLA ISLA, PARA GARANTIZAR SEGURIDAD A LOS CIUDADANOS NORTEAMERICANOS QUE HABITAN EN LA ISLA, Y PARA HACER UN ESFUERZO HACIA LA REORIENTACION DEMOCRATICA

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DE LA ISLA DE GRENADA. TODO ESTO ES AL FINAL DE CUENTAS LAMENTABLE, PERO NO PODEMOS INMISCUIRNOS EN LA DECISION QUE HAN TOMADO ESAS PEQUENAS NACIONES VECINAS DE GRENADA Y NI ENTRAR A OPINAR SOBRE SI HIZO BIEN O HIZO MAL LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS EN ATENDER EL LLAMADO Y EL PEDIDO DE LAS NACIONES QUE LE SOLICITARON AYUDA..."

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THE REACTION OF THE BROTHER ISLANDS, ALL OF WHICH BELONG TO THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH, WAS (THAT OF) MUCH CONCERN BECAUSE OF THE INTERVENTION OF FOREIGN FORCES - CONCRETELY OF CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION - IN THIS SMALL CARIBBEAN ISLAND (GRENADA). I LISTENED TO THE SPEECH WHICH PRESIDENT REAGAN GAVE THIS MORNING. HE SAYS THAT HE ACTED AT THE REQUEST OF VARIOUS OF THE BROTHER ISLANDS OF GRENADA TO IMPEDE THIS UNSUITABLE INTERVENTION FROM CONTINUING IN THAT ISLAND, TO GUARANTEE SECURITY TO THE U.S. CITIZENS WHO LIVE ON THE ISLAND, AND TO MAKE AN EFFORT TOWARD THE DEMOCRATIC REORIENTATION OF THE ISLAND OF GRENADA. THIS IS, ALL IN ALL, LAMENTABLE, BUT WE CANNOT GET INVOLVED IN A DECISION THAT THESE SMALL NEIGHBORS OF GRENADA HAVE TAKEN NOR START GIVING OPINIONS ON WHETHER THE UNITED STATES DID WELL OR BADLY IN HEEDING THE CALL AND THE REQUEST OF THE NATIONS WHICH REQUESTED HELP FROM IT. UNQUOTE.

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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER SEAGA'S ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT
ON EVENTS IN GRENADA
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1. SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER EDWARD SEAGA ON OCTOBER 25

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ADDRESSED PARLIAMENT AND THE NATION ON THE RECENT EVENTS IN GRENADA. HE REPORTED THAT, BASED ON A REQUEST FROM THE ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES (OECS), JAMAICA HAD DECIDED TO ENGAGE ITS DEFENSE FORCE IN A MILITARY ACTION TO CARRY OUT A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE TO REMOVE THE THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA AND TO RESTORE NORMALITY TO THE ISLAND OF GRENADA. HE READ THE LETTER FROM THE OECS SETTING FORTH THE CONCERNS THAT HAD PROMPTED ITS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING A PEACE KEEPING FORCE AND COMMENDED THE MEN OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES. HIGHLIGHTS FROM HIS SPEECH INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- " WE CANNOT BE OBLIVIOUS TO THE FACT THAT IF A WHOLE GOVERNMENT AND LEADING CITIZENS CAN BE WIPED OUT WITHOUT STRONG ACTION TO BACK PROTEST THEN THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE ENCOURAGEMENT THAT THIS WILL GIVE TO MADMEN OF EITHER THE RIGHT OR THE LEFT."

--"WE WILL NOT TOLERATE SUBVERSION AND REVOLUTION AND WE WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO DEAL WITH SUCH INSTANCES EMPHATICALLY AND DECISIVELY."

--"IT WAS IN JAMAICA'S INTEREST TO JOIN WITH ITS CARIBBEAN COLLEAGUES IN TAKING THE PRESENT ACTION."

-- "LIBERATION OF THE GRENADIAN PEOPLE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A RESTORATION OF FULL DEMOCRACY AS A MATTER OF URGENCY WITH THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS. AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION WILL BE INVITED TO LOOK AFTER THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTRY."

-- I PAY TRIBUTE TO THE VALIANT MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO LED THIS THRUST, TOGETHER WITH OUR OWN BRAVE SOLDIERS DRAWN FROM THE RANKS OF THE DEFENCE FORCES OF EIGHT CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES."

END SUMMARY.

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2. FULL TEXT OF SEAGA'S ADDRESS FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT:

YESTERDAY I RETURNED TO JAMAICA AFTER A WEEKEND OF CLOSE CONTACT WITH MY EASTERN CARIBBEAN COLLEAGUES, PARTICULARLY PRIME MINISTER ADAMS OF BARBADOS AND PRIME MINISTER CHARLES OF DOMINICA WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES. I RETURNED WITH A SOBER AWARENESS OF THEIR DEEP ANXIETIES AND FEARS OVER THE SITUATION IN GRENADA AND A SOLEMN SENSE OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A CARIBBEAN PEOPLE. WE CANNOT BE OBLIVIOUS TO THE FACT THAT IF A WHOLE

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EITHER THE RIGHT OR THE LEFT.

LAST NIGHT I SAW THE GOVERNOR GENERAL TO ADVISE HIM OF MY INTENTION TO COMMIT THE BRAVO COMPANY OF THE 2ND BATTALION OF THE JDF TO A MILITARY OPERATION IN GRENADA FOR WHICH HIS APPROVAL WOULD BE REQUIRED BY LAW IN HIS CAPACITY OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE JDF. AFTER FULLY BRIEFING HIM ON THE SITUATION, THE GOVERNOR GENERAL GAVE HIS APPROVAL.

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EARLIER IN THE DAY, IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY RETURN FROM BARBADOS I SUMMONED A MEETING OF CABINET WHERE I SOUGHT AND OBTAINED APPROVAL FOR JAMAICAN FORCES TO PARTICIPATE IN A MULTINATIONAL MILITARY OPERATION AGAINST GRENADA.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION WAS ADVISED BY ME THIS MORNING BY LETTER.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MILITARY OPERATION NOW UNDER WAY IN GRENADA IS TO RESTORE THE COUNTRY TO NORMALITY WITH A MINIMUM LOSS OF LIVES, TO FREE THE PEOPLE OF GRENADA FROM THE TERRORISM AND BRUTALITY WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN SUFFERING AND TO ELIMINATE THE PERCEIVED THREAT OF HOSTILITY AND AGGRESSION BY GRENADA TO NEIGHBOURING CARIBBEAN STATES CAUSED BY NATIONS UNFRIENDLY TO THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY WHICH WERE AT THE SEAT OF INFLUENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE ISLAND. THE CARIBBEAN SECURITY FORCE IS COMPRISED OF EIGHT COUNTRIES: 6 MEMBERS OF THE ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES (OECS), (MONTserrat, ANTIGUA/BARBUDA, ST. KITTS/NEVIS, ST. LUCIA, ST. VINCENT AND DOMINICA) BARBADOS AND JAMAICA.

THE LEADER OF THE CARIBBEAN SECURITY FORCE IS COLONEL KEN BARNES OF THE JAMAICA DEFENCE FORCE WHO ARRIVED IN BARBADOS TO PARTICIPATE OVER THE WEEKEND IN PLANNING THE OPERATION SUBJECT TO FINAL DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN IN JAMAICA AS TO OUR OWN PARTICIPATION. I NOW REPORT TO PARLIAMENT AND THE NATION THAT GRENADA WAS THIS MORNING INVADED BY UNITED STATES MARINES BACKED BY TROOPS FROM A CARIBBEAN SECURITY FORCE OF WHICH JAMAICAN TROOPS ARE A PART. THE LATEST INFORMATION THAT I HAVE REGARDING THE SITUATION ON THAT ISLAND IS THAT ALL MAJOR INITIAL OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN SECURED. THE TWO AIRFIELDS, THE TWO MEDICAL SCHOOLS, THE POWER STATION AND THE BROADCASTING STATION HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

THE ONLY FIGHTING IN ST. GEORGES, THE CAPITAL OF GRENADA, IS SOME SPORADIC SHOOTING. HEAVY FIGHTING HOWEVER, IS TAKING PLACE AROUND GOVERNMENT HOUSE WHERE THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL LIVES, AND IN THE HILLS AROUND FORT FREDERICK WHERE THE POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE BEING HELD.

AS FAR AS CASUALTIES ARE CONCERNED, THE NUMBERS REVEALED SO FAR ARE LOW, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT ALL HAVE NOT YET BEEN REPORTED. THE FIGURES AS OF

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MIDDAY WERE: 3 CIVILIANS DEAD, 12 CUBANS KILLED AND
22 CAPTURED. THE CUBAN FATALITIES RESULTED FROM
THE FACT THAT CUBANS WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE TECHNI-
CIANS TURNED OUT TO BE SOLDIERS AND WERE OFFERING
HEAVY FIRE TO THE INVADING FORCES.

IT IS REPORTED THAT A NUMBER OF SOVIET TECHNICIANS
HAVE ALSO BEEN HELD BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THEY
WERE ALSO INVOLVED IN ANY EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE.

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WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A VAST QUANTITY OF SOVIET ARMS WAS SEIZED AT THE POINT SALINE AIRPORT WHERE THE BRAVO COMPANY OF THE JDF IS IN PLACE. THESE INCLUDE AK 47 SOVIET ASSAULT RIFLES.

I WOULD REMIND PARLIAMENT OF THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN GRENADA SINCE THE 13TH OF OCTOBER. ON THAT DAY WORD WAS RECEIVED THAT MR. MAURICE BISHOP, THE PRIME MINISTER OF GRENADA, WAS BEING KEPT UNDER HOUSE ARREST AT HIS OFFICIAL RESIDENCE IN ST. GEORGES BY A FACTION OF HIS PARTY, THE NEW JEWEL MOVEMENT, WITH WHOM HE WAS IN DISAGREEMENT. HOWEVER, IT BECAME CLEAR AS EVENTS UNFOLDED THAT THIS WAS NO ORDINARY INTERNAL POWER STRUGGLE BUT A WELL PLANNED AND ORCHESTRATED COUP WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT WITH A SAVAGERY AND BRUTALITY WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN.

ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, AFTER HAVING BEEN RELEASED BY A LARGE CROWD OF HIS SUPPORTERS, MR. BISHOP, HIS MINISTER OF EDUCATION, MISS JACQUELINE CREFT, HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. UNISON WHITEMAN, MR. NORRIS BAIN, MINISTER OF HOUSING, MR. VINCENT NOEL, LEADER OF THE BANK AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION, AND MR. FITZROY BAIN, ANOTHER TRADE UNION LEADER, HAD BEEN BRUTALLY EXECUTED BY CUBAN-TRAINED MILITARY OFFICERS WHO HAD SEIZED POWER. WE ALSO LEARNED SUBSEQUENTLY THAT THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY HAD FIRED ON A CROWD OF DEMONSTRATORS WHICH INCLUDED MANY WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND THAT SEVERAL OF THESE HAVE NOT BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR AND ARE PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED. AN EYEWITNESS REPORTS HAVING SEEN A CHILD ATTEMPTING TO JUMP TO SAFETY HAVING HIS LEGS BLOWN OFF.

THE SEEDS OF THIS TRAGIC SITUATION WERE SOWN FIVE YEARS AGO WHEN THE CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OF ERIC GAIRY WAS OVERTHROWN BY A COUP LED BY MR. MAURICE BISHOP. WHILE THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT THE GAIRY ADMINISTRATION HAD FORFEITED THE RESPECT OF ALL DECENT CITIZENS OF THE CARIBBEAN, THIS GOVERNMENT, WHICH WAS THEN IN OPPOSITION, FROM THE OUTSET TOOK THE VIEW THAT A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT HAD BEEN SET WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES. I URGED AT THE TIME THAT RECOGNITION OF THE BISHOP REGIME SHOULD BE WITHHELD UNTIL IT SECURED A MANDATE FROM THE ELECTORATE. THIS WOULD MAKE CERTAIN, I SAID THEN, THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF ARMED OVERTHROW OF A GOVERNMENT IS NOT ACCEPTED IN THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN, AND WOULD REINFORCE THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM

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AS THE ONLY RECOGNISED BASIS OF SELECTING A GOVERN-
MENT. FROM THE OUTSET THIS ADMINISTRATION VIEWED
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNMENT BY COUP IN GRENADA
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IN 1979 AS HAVING FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS FOR THE
FUTURE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS ON WHICH ALL THE
GOVERNMENTS OF THIS REGION ARE BASED.
WE DID NOT ACCEPT THE MODE OF REVOLUTION AS A MEANS
OF CHANGING GOVERNMENTS, NOR DID WE HAVE SYMPATHY
FOR THE IDEOLOGY WHICH MR. BISHOP ESPOUSED. BUT
NOTWITHSTANDING THIS, THERE ARE DEEP PRINCIPLES
INVOLVED IN THE EVENTS THAT TRANSPIRED IN GRENADA

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SINCE THE 13TH OF OCTOBER WHICH HAVE CAUSED THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE A NUMBER OF GRAVE DECISIONS WITH REGARD TO OUR OWN POSITION. AT THE ROOT OF THESE PRINCIPLES, IS THE INESCAPABLE FACT THAT REVOLUTION BREEDS REVOLUTION BECAUSE IT MAKES NO ALLOWANCE TO INSTITUTIONALISE OPPOSITION AND TO CHANGE ADMINISTRATIONS PEACEFULLY.

DURING THE PAST WEEK WE WITNESSED IN GRENADA NOT ONLY A REVOLUTION SPAWNING ITS OWN DESTRUCTION BUT A BRUTAL MILITARY TAKE-OVER OF A CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT.

IT MAY BE FELT THAT THESE MATTERS DO NOT CONCERN US; BUT MOST CERTAINLY THEY DO. IF A WHOLE GOVERNMENT CAN BE WIPED OUT OVERNIGHT EITHER BY POLITICAL OR MILITARY EXTREMISTS AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE CARIBBEAN REMAIN SILENT AND PASSIVE, THEN NO GOVERNMENT ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE CAN BE SAFE FROM MADMEN OF ONE TYPE OR ANOTHER WHO WOULD SEEK TO REPLACE A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE WITH ONE SELECTED BY A CHOSEN FEW OF WHATEVER NATURE.

IF WE IGNORE THE OCCURRENCE OF BRUTAL MILITARY TAKE-OVERS OR POLITICAL OVERTHROWS OF GOVERNMENTS, WE WOULD IMMEDIATELY GIVE HEART TO EVERY SUBVERSIVE GROUP WITHIN THE REGION TO ENGINEER DISORDER AND INSTABILITY AS A MEANS OF OVERTHROW. NO DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE A CHANCE OF CARRYING OUT THE PROGRAMMES OF DEVELOPMENT WHICH IT WAS ELECTED TO IMPLEMENT IF IN ITS MIDST WAS A GROUP OF SUBVERSIVES, ANARCHISTS AND TERRORISTS BENT ON DESTRUCTION OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF STABILITY WHICH UNDER-PIN THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF DEMOCRACY. THE FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH NEGLECT ON OUR PART WOULD BE AWESOME, AND WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF CREATING AN UNSURE AND INSECURE FUTURE FOR ALL OF US.

FOR THE SAKE OF THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WHICH WE ALL AGREE TO BE THE ONE WHICH ALLOWS THE MAXIMUM FREEDOM OF CHOICE TO A PEOPLE AND PROTECTS THEIR RIGHT TO ELECT A GOVERNMENT OF THEIR CHOICE, WE CANNOT IGNORE THE EVENTS WHICH DEFEAT THESE PURPOSES WHEREVER THEY OCCUR IN THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN.

IN THE STATES IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN THERE IS AT THIS MOMENT NOT ONLY A STRONG REVULSION AGAINST THE RECENT ATROCITIES IN GRENADA, WHICH WE SHARE, BUT ALSO OVERWHELMING ANXIETY - INDEED FEAR - FOR THEIR OWN SECURITY. THIS ADDED URGENCY TO THE NEED TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE GRENADA CRISIS.

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THE TIME HAS COME WHEN THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES HAS MADE IT UNMISTAKABLY CLEAR THAT WE WILL NOT TOLERATE SUBVERSION AND REVOLUTION, AND THAT WE WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO DEAL WITH ALL SUCH INSTANCES EMPHATICALLY AND DECISIVELY.

IT IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY RECOGNISED THAT THE CHARACTER OF TODAY'S CARIBBEAN LEADERSHIP HAS CHANGED AS A RESULT OF THE EVENTS OF THE 1970'S.

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TODAY'S CARIBBEAN LEADERSHIP IS DETERMINED THAT INSTANCES OF MILITARY AND REVOLUTIONARY TAKE-OVERS MUST BE DEALT WITH IN SUCH A MANNER AS WILL LEAVE NO ROOM FOR DOUBT WHATSOEVER AS TO THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY OF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN.

IT IS IN OUR INTEREST THAT WE SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE REVOLUTION AND THE INTRODUCTION OF TOTALITARIAN STYLE GOVERNMENT TO DISPLACE DEMOCRACY.

IT IS IN OUR INTEREST THAT WE SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE THE ARMED OVERTHROW OF GOVERNMENTS.

IT IS IN OUR INTEREST THAT WE SHOULD NOT ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO DESIRE TO SEIZE POWER BY ILLEGAL MEANS TO BRUTALLY LIQUIDATE A COUNTRY'S LEADERSHIP AND DEFENCELESS CITIZENS.

IT WAS THEREFORE IN OUR INTEREST THAT WE SHOULD JOIN WITH OUR CARIBBEAN COLLEAGUES - BARBADOS, DOMINICA, ST. VINCENT, ST. LUCIA, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, ST. KITTS/NEVIS AND MONTSERRAT IN TAKING THE PRESENT ACTION.

THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT EVENTS SINCE THE 13TH OF OCTOBER MARK A TURNING POINT IN THE HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN, AND IT IS EQUALLY CERTAIN THAT THE AFTERMATH OF THESE EVENTS WILL LEAVE NONE OF US UNTOUCHED.

WE HAVE HAD TO TAKE ACTION TO DEFEND OUR DEEPEST VALUES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR OWN SELF-RESPECT IN HELPING OUR SISTER NATIONS IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN TO PRESERVE THEIR PEACE AND SECURITY.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE LIBERATION OF THE GRENADIAN PEOPLE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A RESTORATION OF FULL DEMOCRACY AS A MATTER OF URGENCY WITH THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS. IN THE MEANTIME, AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION WILL BE INVITED TO LOOK AFTER THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTRY.

THE EVENTS IN GRENADA FALL INTO TWO PARTS: THE TOTAL BREAKDOWN OF INTERNAL ORDER AS A RESULT OF THE KILLING OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND ALMOST THE ENTIRE CABINET LEAVING A VACUUM OF AUTHORITY WHICH WAS FILLED BY MEN OF THE MOST BRUTAL TYPE WHO PROCEEDED TO COMMIT ATROCITIES AGAINST PEOPLE AND EVEN LITTLE CHILDREN, LEADING TO A LARGE, AND AS YET UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF DEATHS.

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THE EXTERNAL COMPONENT OF THIS TRAGEDY IS BASED ON THE PERCEIVED THREAT ARISING FROM THE CAPACITY OF THE LEADERSHIP WHICH SEIZED POWER, TO USE THE ARMED CAPABILITIES AND MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE OF GRENADA FOR ACTS OF HOSTILITY AGAINST NEIGHBOURING STATES. THE SIZE AND SOPHISTICATION OF THE ARMED FORCE OF GRENADA CAN BE MEASURED BY A COMPARISON WITH THOSE OF JAMAICA. GRENADA, HAVING ONLY ONE-TWENTIETH

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OF THE POPULATION OF JAMAICA HAD MOBILISED AN ARMY THAT WAS ONE AND A HALF TIMES AS LARGE AS THE JAMAICA DEFENCE FORCE. SOME OF GRENADA'S NEIGHBOURS HAVE NO ARMY AT ALL; OTHERS HAVE ARMIES OF LESS THAN 200 MEN.

THE NEW AIRSTRIP, IN THE FINAL STAGES OF COMPLETION BY CUBANS, ADDED ANOTHER CAPABILITY WHICH, IN THE HANDS OF SANE MEN WOULD HAVE OFFERED NO THREAT BUT AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE INSANITY OF THE PAST 2 WEEKS WOULD BE A LOGICAL STAGING AREA FOR COUNTRIES WHOSE INTERESTS ARE SIMILAR, AND WHO HAVE AMBITIONS FOR USING GRENADA AS A CENTRE FOR SUBVERSION, SABOTAGE AND INFILTRATION WITHIN THE AREA AND AGAINST MEMBER STATES OF THE ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES.

AGAIN, THE POWERFUL BROADCASTING STATION IN GRENADA, STANDING ON ITS OWN, ALTHOUGH CAPABLE OF REACHING FROM ONE END OF THE CARIBBEAN TO THE OTHER, FAR EXCEEDING THE POWER OF ANY STATION IN JAMAICA WOULD, IN ITSELF NOT NECESSARILY BE A THREAT. BUT IN THE HANDS OF EXTREMISTS OF A MILITARY OR IDEOLOGICAL NATURE, BOTH OF WHOM EXIST IN GRENADA, CONSTITUTES A POTENT WEAPON FOR SUBVERTING NEIGHBOURING STATES. WHILE MAURICE BISHOP WAS ALIVE THERE WAS SOME INDICATION THAT THESE CAPABILITIES COULD AND WOULD BE USED IN THIS SUBVERSIVE MANNER AGAINST NEIGHBOURING STATES AS THERE WERE COMPLAINTS REGARDING TRAINING OF A PARA-MILITARY NATURE TAKING PLACE IN GRENADA AMONG CITIZENS OF NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES KNOWN FOR THEIR OWN SUBVERSIVE INTERESTS.

HOWEVER, WHATEVER MAY HAVE BEEN THE THREAT, IT WAS MINIMAL IN THE HANDS OF MAURICE BISHOP WHO WAS A MODERATE IN COMPARISON WITH THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL LEADERS OF THE REGIME WHICH OVERTHREW HIM.

A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PICTURE EMERGES WHEN THIS ARRAY OF MILITARY AND SUBVERSIVE CAPABILITY CAME TO BE AT THE DISPOSAL OF ONE OF THE MOST EXTREMIST GROUPS OF MEN TO ASSUME CONTROL OF ANY COUNTRY IN RECENT TIMES. FEW COUNTRIES CAN HAVE CLAIMED THE EXPERIENCE OF HAVING ITS ENTIRE CABINET WIPED OUT IN THE MANNER IN WHICH THAT OF GRENADA WAS EXTERMINATED.

WHO THEN CAN BLAME THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES FOR PERCEIVING THIS COMBINATION OF AWESOME MIGHT AND BRUTAL MEN, WHO APPARENTLY HAD NO CONCEPT OF WHERE TO STOP IN TAKING HUMAN LIFE, AS A PRELUDE TO

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DERS BY THOSE IN POWER IN GRENADA?
THESE CONSIDERATIONS ARE SET OUT IN A DOCUMENT PRE-
SENTED BY THE AUTHORITY OF ORGANISATION OF EASTERN
CARIBBEAN STATES, WITH AN ACCOMPANYING LETTER AS THE
BASIS OF THE INVITATION TO FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS TO
COME TO THEIR AID IN RESTORING NORMALITY TO GRENADA
AND IN REMOVING THE PERCEIVED THREAT TO PEACE AND
SECURITY IN THEIR REGION.

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I SET OUT THE CONTENTS OF THE ANENXURE TO THE LETTER OF INVITATION:

1. THE AUTHORITY OF THE ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES (OECS) MET AT BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS, ON FRIDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 1983, TO CONSIDER AND EVALUATE THE SITUATION IN GRENADA ARISING OUT OF THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT LED BY PRIME MINISTER MAURICE BISHOP AND THE SUBSEQUENT KILLING OF THE PRIME MINISTER TOGETHER WITH SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES AND A NUMBER OF OTHER CITIZENS.
2. THE AUTHORITY IS AWARE THAT THE OVERTHROW OF THE BISHOP ADMINISTRATION TOOK PLACE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONNIVANCE OF FORCES UNFRIENDLY TO THE OECS, LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRESENT MILITARY REGIME.
3. THE MEETING TOOK NOTE OF THE CURRENT ANARCHICAL CONDITIONS, THE SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND BLOODSHED THAT HAVE OCCURRED, AND THE CONSEQUENT UNPRECEDENTED THREAT TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE REGION CREATED BY THE VACUUM OF AUTHORITY IN GRENADA.
4. THE AUTHORITY WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT MILITARY FORCES AND SUPPLIES ARE LIKELY TO BE SHORTLY INTRODUCED TO CONSOLIDATE THE POSITION OF THE REGIME AND THAT THE COUNTRY CAN BE USED AS A STAGING POST FOR ACTS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST ITS MEMBERS.
5. THE AUTHORITY FURTHER NOTED THAT THE CAPABILITY OF THE GRENADA ARMED FORCES IS ALREADY AT A LEVEL OF SOPHISTICATION AND SIZE FAR BEYOND THE INTERNAL NEEDS OF THAT COUNTRY. FURTHERMORE THE MEMBER STATES OF THE OECS HAVE NO MEANS OF DEFENCE AGAINST SUCH FORCES.
6. THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE ORGANISATION HOLD THE STRONG VIEW THAT SUCH A SITUATION WOULD FURTHER UNDERMINE POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STABILITY, AND WOULD HAVE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE OECS SUB-REGION AS A WHOLE.
7. THE AUTHORITY NOTED THAT THE PRESENT REGIME IN GRENADA HAS DEMONSTRATED BY ITS BRUTALITY AND RUTHLESSNESS THAT IT WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO ACHIEVE ITS ENDS AND TO SECURE ITS POWER.
8. UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 8 OF THE TREATY

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STATES, THE AUTHORITY PROPOSES THEREFORE TO TAKE
ACTION FOR COLLECTIVE DEFENCE AND THE PRESERVATION
OF PEACE AND SECURITY AGAINST EXTERNAL AGGRESSION
BY REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES TO
PROVIDE TRANSPORT, LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND ADDITIONAL
MILITARY PERSONNEL TO ASSIST THE EFFORTS OF THE OECS
TO STABILIZE THIS MOST GRAVE SITUATION WITHIN THE

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9. THE AUTHORITY OF THE OECS WISHES TO ESTABLISH A PEACE KEEPING FORCE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF FRIENDLY NEIGHBOURING STATES TO RESTORE ON GRENADA CONDITIONS OF TRANQUILITY AND ORDER SO AS TO PREVENT FURTHER LOSS OF LIFE AND ABUSES OF HUMAN RIGHTS PENDING THE RESTORATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

THE LETTER ITSELF READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER,
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES PRESENTS HER COMPLIMENTS TO THE RT. HONOURABLE EDWARD SEAGA, PRIME MINISTER OF JAMAICA 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,

(SGD.)

EUGENIA CHARLES

CHAIRMAN

ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES

23RD OCTOBER 1983

END QUOTE.

IT WAS ON THIS BASIS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA DECIDED TO ENGAGE ITS DEFENCE FORCE IN A MULTI-NATIONAL MILITARY ACTION TO CARRY OUT A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE TO REMOVE THE THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA AND AT THE SAME TIME TO RESTORE NORMALITY TO THE ISLAND OF GRENADA.

THE BRAVO COMPANY OF THE 2ND BATTALION OF THE JDF DEPARTED FOR GRENADA AND IS PRESENTLY STATIONED AT POINT SALINE, THE CUBAN BUILT AIRPORT IN GRENADA, WHICH WAS CAPTURED THIS MORNING AND MUST BE KEPT SECURE.

CONTACT WITH MEN OF BRAVO COMPANY INDICATES THAT THEY ARE IN HIGH SPIRITS AND HAVE SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES SO FAR.

LET IT BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS BOLD AND HISTORIC ACTION WHICH A NUMBER OF CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES HAVE JOINTLY TAKEN (WHILE OTHERS HAVE STOOD ASIDE)

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CANNOT BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING AN AUSTIN FOR
 A GAIRY.

IN THE SAME WAY THAT WE HAVE PROCLAIMED BY THIS ACTION,
 JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY, THAT ASSASSINATION AND REVOLU-
 TIONARY OVERTHROW OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENTS
 HAVE MET THEIR MATCH IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE NEW
 CHARACTER OF CARIBBEAN LEADERS - WHETHER THROUGH THE

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POLITICAL SYSTEM OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS AS WAS THE CASE IN 1980 AND 1981, OR BY THE MILITARY ACTION CARRIED OUT TODAY - SO TOO MUST THE GAIRY'S MEET THEIR MATCH BY A NEW RESOLVE OF THE GRENADIAN PEOPLE.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A FIRST DECREE FROM THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT PLACING A BAN ON THE GAIRY'S AND THE AUSTIN'S AND WHAT THEY REPRESENT, FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL OR ELECTORAL PROCESS.

THE PEOPLE OF GRENADA CAN BE ASSURED THAT THIS ACTION IN WHICH WE HAVE JOINED TODAY IS INTENDED TO FREE THEM FROM BEING PAWNS IN A POWER PLAY WHICH HAD CONVERTED THEIR LOVELY SPICE ISLAND TO A FEARSOME CAMP. FROM THIS ACTION WE HOPE THEY WILL DERIVE A NEW FREEDOM AND A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A NEW FUTURE. AS CARIBBEAN BROTHERS WILLING AND ABLE TO ASSIST EACH OTHER, WE MUST NOW ENSURE THAT THE FUTURE CAN BE ONE OF SOLID COOPERATION IN WHICH GRENADA WILL NO LONGER BE THE ODD MAN OUT, BUT BE ONCE AGAIN WELCOMED INTO THE FAMILY OF CARIBBEAN NATIONS. IN CLOSING, I PAY TRIBUTE TO THE VALIANT MEN OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO LED THIS THRUST, TOGETHER WITH OUR OWN BRAVE SOLDIERS DRAWN FROM THE RANKS OF THE DEFENCE FORCES OF 8 CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.

THERE ARE NO WARS WITHOUT GRIEF, WITHOUT DEATH, WITHOUT INJURY; BUT WE PRAY GOD TODAY THAT HE WILL GIVE PROTECTION TO THOSE WHO FIGHT SO THAT THEY MAY RETURN SAFELY TO THEIR FAMILIES.

END TEXT.

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HE SAID HE IS ALSO WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS OF THIS U.S.-CARIBBEAN ACTION IN GRENADA, AND WOULD HOPE THAT NO PRECEDENT IS BEING SET FOR FUTURE SUCH MOVES, REPEATING THAT GUATEMALA MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN ANY SUCH PRECEDENT.

6. THEN (SOMEWHAT PARADOXICALLY, IN MY VIEW) PRICE WENT ON TO OBSERVE THAT BELIZE COULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TROOPS FOR THE GRENADA OPERATION FOR A SECOND REASON, NAMELY THAT THE UK WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSULTED AND BRITISH INTERESTS IN DEFENSE OF BELIZE WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE RISKING ANTAGONIZING THE CUBANS AND/OR GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS BY SENDING BELIZEAN TROOPS TO GRENADA. PRICE SAID GOB HAS ASKED VIEWS OF HMG ON BELIZE POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN GRENADA MOVE, AND IS AWAITING A RESPONSE.

7. FINALLY, PRICE SAID HE WANTS TO ASCERTAIN VIEWS OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ON GRENADA ISSUE AS GOB MAKES UP ITS MIND ON HOW TO DEAL WITH UPCOMING UN DEBATE.

8. COMMENT: PRICE ONCE AGAIN SEEMS TO BE TRYING NOT TO VEX ANY COUNTRIES WITH WHICH BELIZE HAS ENJOYED HARMONIOUS RELATIONS, NEITHER THE U.S. NOR BELIZE CARICOM PARTNERS. SEEKING BRITISH (AND POSSIBLY MEXICAN) VIEWS SEEMS PRIMARILY INTENDED TO GIVE GOB AN OUT FOR NOT GOING ALONG WITH THE CARICOM MAJORITY'S DECISION. NONETHELESS BELIZE ADHERENCE TO THE NON-INTERVENTION PRINCIPLE IS GENUINE ENOUGH, BASED AS IT IS IN PART ON PROTECTING BELIZE STILL SOMEWHAT VULNERABLE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THE BEST WE CAN HOPE FOR IN THE UN DEBATE, I WOULD JUDGE, IS THAT BELIZE, WHILE OPTING FOR NON-INTERVENTION, WILL REJECT ANY LANGUAGE IN A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD CRITICIZE THE CURRENT U.S-CARIBBEAN ACTIONS IN GRENADA. BARNEBEY

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