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TO FLASH BRIDGETOWN

TELEGRAM NUMBER 295 OF 22 OCTOBER

AND TO ATHENS (FOR PS TO S OF S), WASHINGTON

AND TO IMMEDIATE PORT OF SPAIN, KINGSTON. NASSAU GEORGETOWN.

FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER

GRENADA

1. LOOKING AHEAD, IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT WE MAY BE FACED SHORTLY WITH CHOICES INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN OR ACCEPTANCE OF PLANS FOR MILITARY ACTION WITHOUT OTHER POSSIBILITIES HAVING BEEN FULLY EXPLORED.
2. DO YOU THINK THERE WOULD BE ANYTHING TO BE GAINED BY ATTEMPTING OR INSPIRING AN ATTEMPT TO PROMOTE NEGOTIATION ABOUT THE RESTORATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IN GRENADA? IS IT IN YOUR VIEW POSSIBLE THAT HUDSON AUSTIN OR COARD WOULD ENTERTAIN AN APPROACH OF THIS KIND? ARE THERE ANY OTHER IDENTIFIABLE POLITICAL FORCES IN GRENADA WHICH MIGHT COME INTO PLAY? DO YOU THINK THAT THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS MOST CLOSELY CONCERNED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN GRENADA WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE OR

JOIN ANY SUCH APPROACH?

3. IF YOU THINK THAT SUCH AN APPROACH MIGHT BE A STARTER HOW WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THAT WE SHOULD CARRY ITS CONSIDERATION FORWARD?

4. THIS IS ONLY A MOST TENTATIVE IDEA. WE HAVE IT IN MIND THAT THOSE IN CONTROL OF GRENADA MUST BY NOW BE ABLE TO SEE DANGERS OF THE KIND OF INTERVENTION WHICH WOULD AT THE LEAST THREATEN THEIR OWN POSITION. WE ASSUME THAT THE LEADERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS MOST CLOSELY CONCERNED WOULD PREFER A RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION WHICH DID NOT INVOLVE MILITARY OPERATIONS, IF SUCH A RESOLUTION WERE OBTAINABLE.

5. WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE COMMENTS.

6. SINCE THE ABOVE WAS DRAFTED, WE HAVE RECEIVED A REUTERS REPORT FROM PORT OF SPAIN THAT ST VINCENTS PRIME MINISTER CATO HAS OFFERED TO TALK TO AUSTIN AND THAT THE LATTER HAS AGREED TO MEET HIM POSSIBLY IN CARRIACOU (CP PARA 4 OF MY TELNO 291). AUSTIN IS REPORTED TO HAVE EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE FOR A RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IN GRENADA.

7. WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS REPORT BEFORE WE OFFER ADVICE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT REPORTED IN YOUR TELEGRAM NO 329 (NOT TO ALL) WHICH HAS JUST COME TO HAND.

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