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GRENADA AND THE OECS

1. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN A TELEGRAM FROM SECRET SOURCES REPORTING ADAMS' CONVERSATION WITH A MEMBER OF MY STAFF EARLIER THIS MORNING, IN WHICH HE SAID THAT THE OECS HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED UNANIMOUSLY YESTERDAY EVENING TO PUT TOGETHER A MULTI-NATIONAL FORCE AND TO CALL ON OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO HELP IN RESTORING PEACE AND ORDER IN GRENADA. "OTHER GOVERNMENTS"



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WOULD INCLUDE THE USA, FRANCE, VENEZUELA AND THE UK, AS WELL AS THE OTHER MEMBERS OF CARICOM. FORCE WOULD ASSEMBLE IN BARBADOS AND WOULD PROBABLY BE COMMANDED AND SERVICED OUT OF THE REGIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM.

→ 2. ADAMS HAS NOW MADE THIS REQUEST TO ME ORALLY BUT FORMALLY. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE LETTERS TO HMG AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS WERE BEING TYPED AND WOULD BE READY LATER TODAY. HE ADDED HIS PERSONAL REQUEST THAT BRITAIN WOULD ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH THE MULTI-NATIONAL OPERATION, EVEN IF OUR SUPPORT WAS ONLY IN TOKEN FORM.

3. ADAMS SAID THAT THE AFTERMATH OF A SUCCESSFUL MILITARY INVASION OF GRENADA HAD NOT BEEN FORMALLY CONSIDERED IN THE OECs BUT IT WAS ENVISAGED THAT THE MULTILATERAL FORCE, WHICH HE SAW AS PREDOMINANTLY AMERICAN, WOULD HAND OVER AS SOON AS IT COULD TO A PEACE-KEEPING FORCE WITH WHICH HE HOPED THE USA, UK, FRANCE AND VENEZUELA WOULD BE ASSOCIATED. (I DID NOT SAY, BUT I DO BELIEVE, THAT A PURELY CARICOM PEACE KEEPING FORCE WOULD BE PREFERABLE).

4. ADAMS REPEATED THE POINT THAT SINCE ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE OECs TREATY THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR THE GOVERNOR - GENERAL OF GRENADA TO BE INVOLVED, THOUGH IF HE WERE IT WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE.

5. PH PRICE OF BELIZE ASKED TO SEE ME AS I WAS LEAVING - PLEASE SEE MIFT.

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