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DEAR MARGARET,

IN A MESSAGE TO YOU EARLIER TODAY, I EXPRESSED MY DESIRE TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THE UNITED STATES RESPONSE TO A FORMAL REQUEST BY THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES (OECS) TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN A COLLECTIVE SECURITY EFFORT TO RESTORE PEACE, ORDER, AND DEMOCRACY IN GRENADA. I HAVE DECIDED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THIS REQUEST. I UNDERSTAND THAT BARBADOS AND JAMAICA HAVE ALSO RESPONDED FAVORABLY.

OUR FORCES WILL ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN GRENADA. THE COLLECTIVE CARIBBEAN SECURITY FORCE WILL DISEMBARK ON GRENADA SHORTLY THEREAFTER. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS INFORMATION TO THE SECURITY OF THESE OPERATIONS AND THE SAFETY OF MILITARY PERSONNEL.

WE WILL INFORM YOU OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR. OTHER ALLIES WILL BE APPRISED OF OUR ACTIONS AFTER THEY ARE BEGUN.

I EXPECT THAT A NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORMED IN GRENADA SHORTLY AFTER THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY FORCE ARRIVES. WE HOPE THAT HER MAJESTYS GOVERNMENT WILL JOIN US BY EXTENDING SUPPORT TO GRENADAS NEW LEADERS. THE UNITED KINGDOM CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN STRENGTHENING THE NEW GOVERNMENTS POSITION BY OFFERING POLITICAL SUPPORT AND BY PROVIDING A PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

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