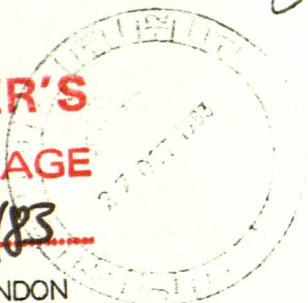


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THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AND HAS THE HONOUR TO QUOTE BELOW A MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY MR. MAUMOON ABDUL GAYOOM, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES ADDRESSED TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MARGARET THATCHER, PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND X

QUOTE:

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MARGARET THATCHER,
PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,
LONDON.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMONWEALTH THE MALDIVES IS DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THE INVASION OF ANOTHER MEMBER COUNTRY GRENADA BY FORIEGN FORCES. WHILE WE DEPLORE THE MILITARY COUP STAGED BY THE LEFT WING ELEMENTS IN WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER OF GRENADA AND SOME OF HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES WERE KILLED; WE ARE UNABLE TO JUSTIFY THE MILITARY ACTION TAKEN BY THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE INVASION AGAINST, AS I UNDERSTAND, THE ADVICE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT. OUR CONCERN OVER THIS SERIOUS SITUATION IS IN KEEPING WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND INTERNATIONAL LAW WHICH SAFEGUARD THE RIGHT OF EVERY NATION TO INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION. MY GOVERNMENT IS HOPEFUL THAT YOUR EFFORTS WILL LEAD TO AN EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF THE INVADING FORCES AND THE RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE GRENADIAN PEOPLE.

MAUMOON ABDUL GAYOOM
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

UNQUOTE:

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE WOULD TRANSMIT THE ABOVE MESSAGE TO ITS HIGH DESTINATION.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION X

MALE 27 OCTOBER 1983