

Subject on Grenada  
Int Sit Pt 2

file

Line



c fo

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

10 November 1983

**PRIME MINISTER'S**  
**PERSONAL MESSAGE**  
**SERIAL No. T180/83**

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for setting out so clearly in your letter of 26 October the reasons why Jamaica decided to join with the OECS countries in military intervention in Grenada.

We had been watching the situation in Grenada closely, and were as distressed as you at the turn of events there. After very careful consideration, we came to the view that political and economic measures offered the best prospect of encouraging a return to democratic government: an objective which I know we all share. This was a very difficult decision. You came to a different conclusion on the facts available to you. Once the military operation had begun, however, my concern was to do everything possible to avoid hindering it.

I am as sad as anyone that this difference arose between us. But I believe that we must now look to the future. We stand ready to help in whatever way we can with the re-establishment of constitutional democracy in Grenada. The Commonwealth may be able to play a useful role in bringing about a return to normal life in Grenada, for instance by assisting in the organisation and holding of elections if that is what the Grenadians want. We welcome the efforts the Commonwealth Secretary-General is making to this end. Geoffrey Howe announced in the House of Commons last week that we wanted to respond positively to requests

/ for help

da



for help in this field. We have already sent a high-level team to the island to assess the problems and make proposals. We shall be resuming our bilateral aid relationship with Grenada, which will involve capital assistance as well as technical co-operation.

I would like to stay in close touch with you and with the other Commonwealth Caribbean Governments about the way ahead. There is much to be done if the people of Grenada are to profit from the second chance for democracy which has been opened up for them.

Yours sincerely  
Raymond Stanger

---

The Rt. Hon. Edward Seaga, M.P.