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1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. DEPUTY SECRETARY DAM MET NOVEMBER 7 WITH PRIME MINISTER THATCHER FOR A DISCUSSION WHICH COVERED GRENADA, INF ARMS CONTROL, THE MIDDLE EAST AND ARGENTINE CERTIFICATION. BRITISH PARTICIPANTS, IN ADDITION TO THATCHER, WERE FOREIGN SECRETARY SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, AND THATCHER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, JOHN COLES. U.S. PARTICIPANTS, IN ADDITION TO DEPUTY SECRETARY, WERE ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARD BURT AND DCM EDWARD STREATOR.

3. GRENADA. [REDACTED]

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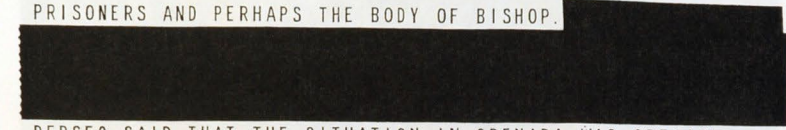
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BURT SAID THE MORNING NEWS ALSO REPORTED THE DISCOVERY OF A MASS GRAVE WHICH MAY CONTAIN THE MISSING POLITICAL PRISONERS AND PERHAPS THE BODY OF BISHOP. [REDACTED]



DEPSEC SAID THAT THE SITUATION IN GRENADA WAS SPECIAL.

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4. THE U.S. WAS ANXIOUS, DAM SAID, TO LIMIT THE EXTENT OF THE PRECEDENT SET BY EVENTS IN GRENADA IN ORDER TO AVOID ENCOURAGING THE SOVIETS TO DO LIKEWISE. AT THE SAME TIME, SOME U.S. COMMENTATORS WILL SEE ADVANTAGE IN MAKING THE "COMANDANTES" IN NICARAGUA UNCERTAIN ABOUT U.S. INTENTIONS. WHILE SENATOR BAKER PRIVATELY WOULD OPPOSE A U.S. ACTION AGAINST NICARAGUA, HE WOULD NOT WANT TO RESTRAIN THE PRESIDENT PUBLICLY. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER, HOWEVER, THAT THE AMERICAN STUDENTS IN GRENADA CONSIDERED THEMSELVES IN DANGER, DEPSEC SAID. CONGRESSMEN FOLEY AND BARNES BOTH RECOGNIZED PUBLICLY THIS CONCERN IN STATEMENTS DURING THEIR CURRENT VISIT TO GRENADA. [REDACTED]

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DAM RESPONDED THAT OUR CONSUL HAD SEEN SOME 400 STUDENTS, ALL OF WHOM WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SAFETY. SOME SMALL BOATS HAD PUT TO SEA AND ONLY SMALL PLANES WERE FLYING DURING THE WEEKEND PRIOR TO THE ACTION. ALSO, HE RECALLED THAT THERE WAS A "SHOOT-ON-SIGHT" CURFEW, WITH SHOPS OPEN ONLY A FEW HOURS DAILY AND LOOTING TAKING PLACE.

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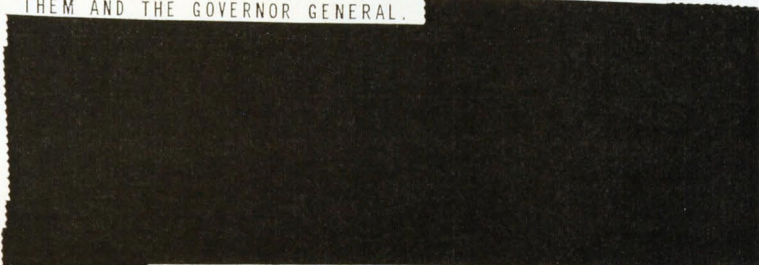
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5. DAM STRESSED THAT ACTION WAS TAKEN FIRST BY THE
OECS, AND THAT THE U. S. HAD RESPONDED TO A REQUEST FROM
THEM AND THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.



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DEPSEC SAID WE HAD LEARNED FROM ADAMS THAT
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL HAD MADE A REQUEST FOR HELP. THE
GOVERNOR GENERAL HAD BEEN RESCUED FROM HIS HOUSE,
WHICH WAS SURROUNDED BY CUBAN TROOPS. BURT NOTED THERE
WAS DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECURITY;
CONSIDERABLE SHOOTING SURROUNDED THE RESCUE OPERATION.
DEPSEC NOTED THAT ONLY ON WEDNESDAY WAS THE GOVERNOR
GENERAL'S REQUEST DISCLOSED. HE SAID THE U. S. BELIEVED
IT HAD A VERY GOOD LEGAL CASE, BASED ON THE OECS REQUEST
AND THAT OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

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DEPSEC RESPONDED THAT THE U. S.
HAD A FORMAL REQUEST ON MONDAY, FOLLOWING A MORE GENERAL
REQUEST ON FRIDAY. SPECIFICALLY, IT WAS AN ORAL REQUEST
FROM THE OECS. ON TUESDAY, PRIME MINISTER CHARLES,
CHAIRMAN OF THE OECS, CONFIRMED THE OECS POSITION.

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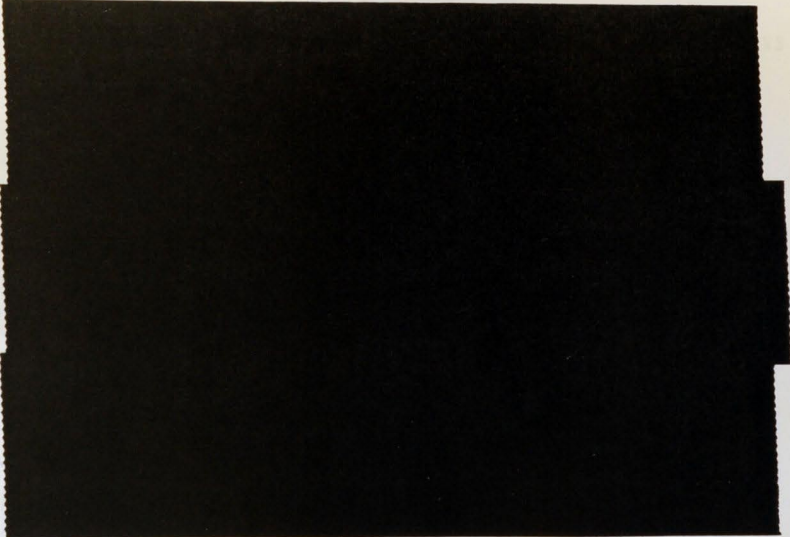
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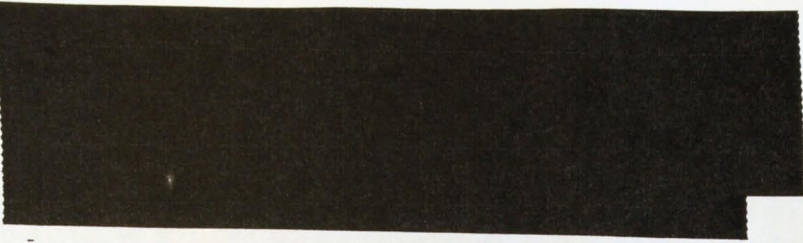


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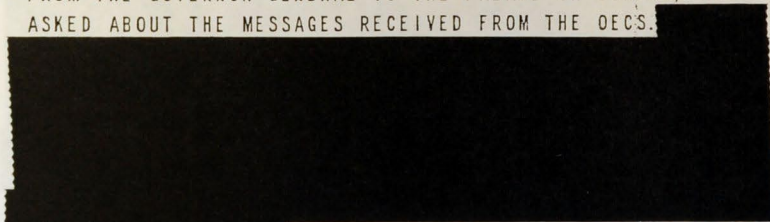
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7. DEPSEC REGRETTED THE DIFFICULTY THE PRIME MINISTER WAS PLACED IN. HE NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE BRITISH EMBASSY BEFORE THE ACTION, THAT NEWSPAPERS WERE FULL OF STORIES ABOUT THE SITUATION THERE AND THAT WE HAD CONSULTED ONLY WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. BECAUSE OF THE DANGER OF PRESS LEAKS, THE WHOLE MATTER HAD BEEN VERY CLOSELY HELD IN THE U. S. GOVERNMENT. HE RECALLED HOW MANY DIFFICULTIES HAD BEEN CREATED BY THE LEAK OF OUR EFFORTS TO PROTECT NIMERI.

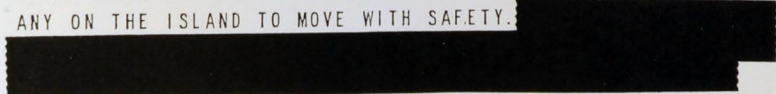
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8. DEPSEC SAID WE HAD NEVER HEARD ABOUT THE COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL TO THE PALACE ON SUNDAY, AND ASKED ABOUT THE MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM THE DECS.

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DAM SAID THAT WE BECAME PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WHEN WE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM OUR CONSUL ABOUT TEENAGERS BRANDISHING GUNS AT THE AIRPORT WHICH LED OUR PLANE TO TAKE OFF AGAIN. MOREOVER, IT BECAME CLEAR FROM REPORTS WE HAD THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY ON THE ISLAND TO MOVE WITH SAFETY.



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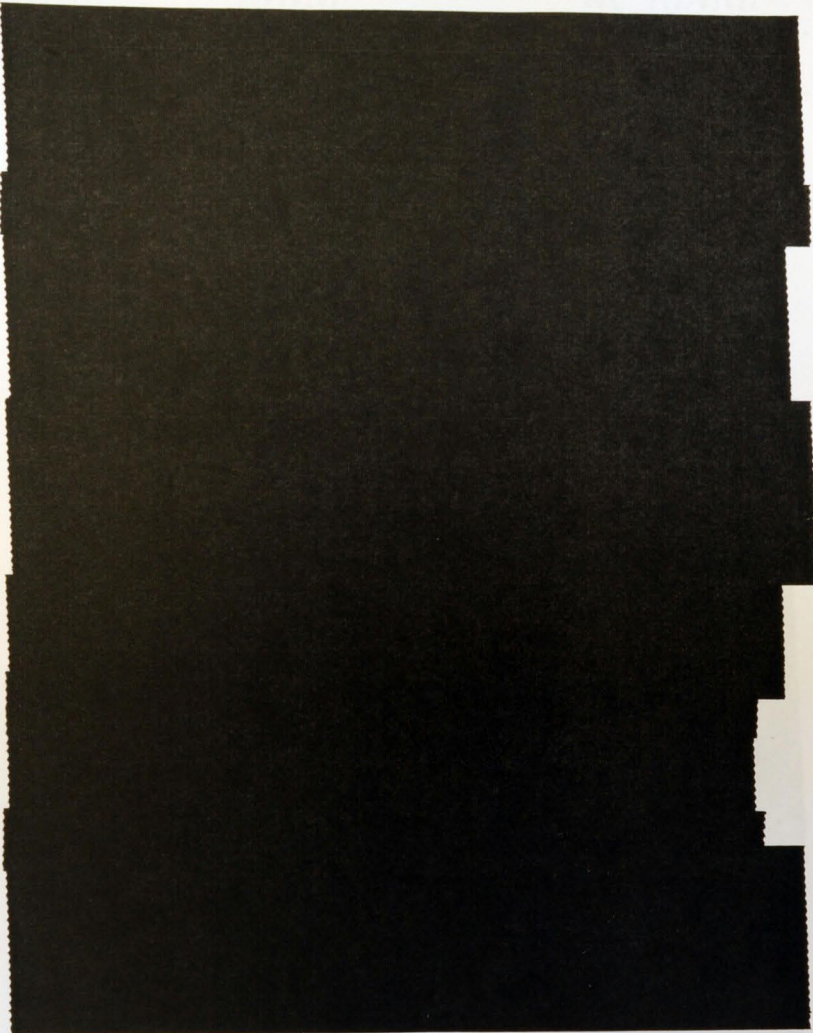
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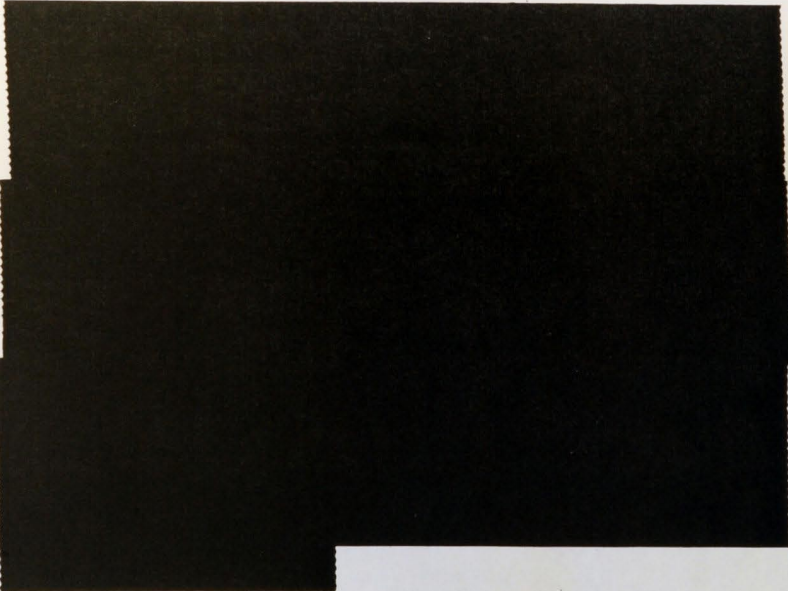
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DAM
AGREED, AND NOTED THAT WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT
THAT MOST STATES AROUND GRENADA ARE DEMOCRACIES THAT
FUNCTION WELL. THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, HE UNDERSTOOD,
WAS LOOKING FOR GOOD PEOPLE. [REDACTED]

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13. IN ANY CASE, DAM SAID, THE U. S. WANTS TO LEAVE
GRENADA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE RANGERS AND MARINES
ALREADY HAD LEFT, THOUGH ABOUT 500 ENGINEERS HAD
LANDED TO ASSIST IN RECONSTRUCTION. THE U. S. WAS
GIVING 3.25 MILLION DOLLARS IN EMERGENCY INFRASTRUCTURE
AID. MOREOVER, THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE,
AND WE HOPE THAT ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
WE ARE LOOKING TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND TO THE OECS
TO GET ON WITH THIS PROCESS AND WE DO NOT WANT TO TELL
THEM HOW TO DO THE JOB. WE INTEND TO BE GUIDED BY THE
PROPOSALS OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL AND THE OECS. [REDACTED]

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14. DEPSEC NOTED THAT 91 PERCENT OF GRENADIANS
SUPPORTED THE ACTION. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE MINUTES
OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SHOWED THAT BISHOP WAS BEING
ATTACKED BY LEFTISTS, WHO CLEARLY FEARED THAT THEY
WERE BECOMING ALIENATED.

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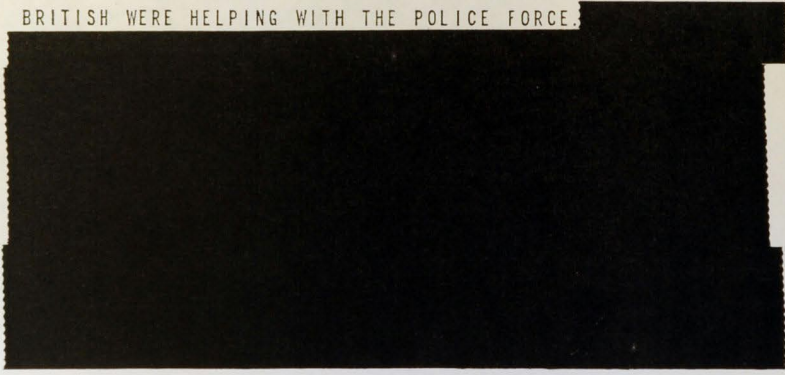
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HE THOUGHT THE BRITISH COULD ASSIST WITH THE ELECTIONS
IN GRENADA, AND DAM SAID HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE VERY
USEFUL. BURT RECALLED THAT A BRITISH CONSTITUTIONAL
EXPERT ALREADY WAS IN GRENADA AND HOWE SAID THAT THE
BRITISH WERE HELPING WITH THE POLICE FORCE.

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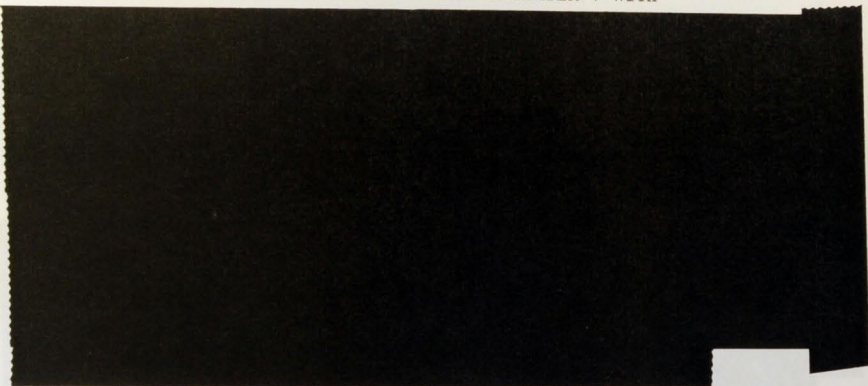
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DAM THOUGHT HOWE'S POINT A VALID ONE, AND SAID THAT IT WAS
THE U.S. DISPOSITION TO WITHDRAW.

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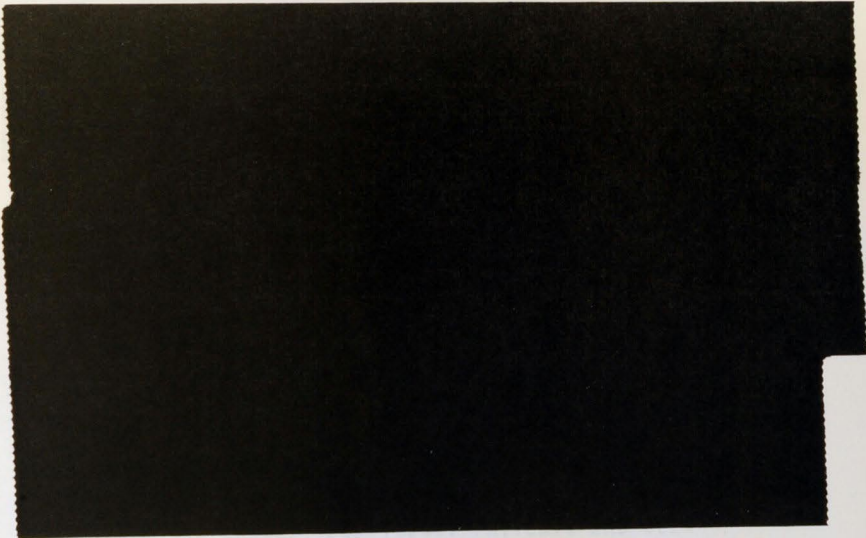
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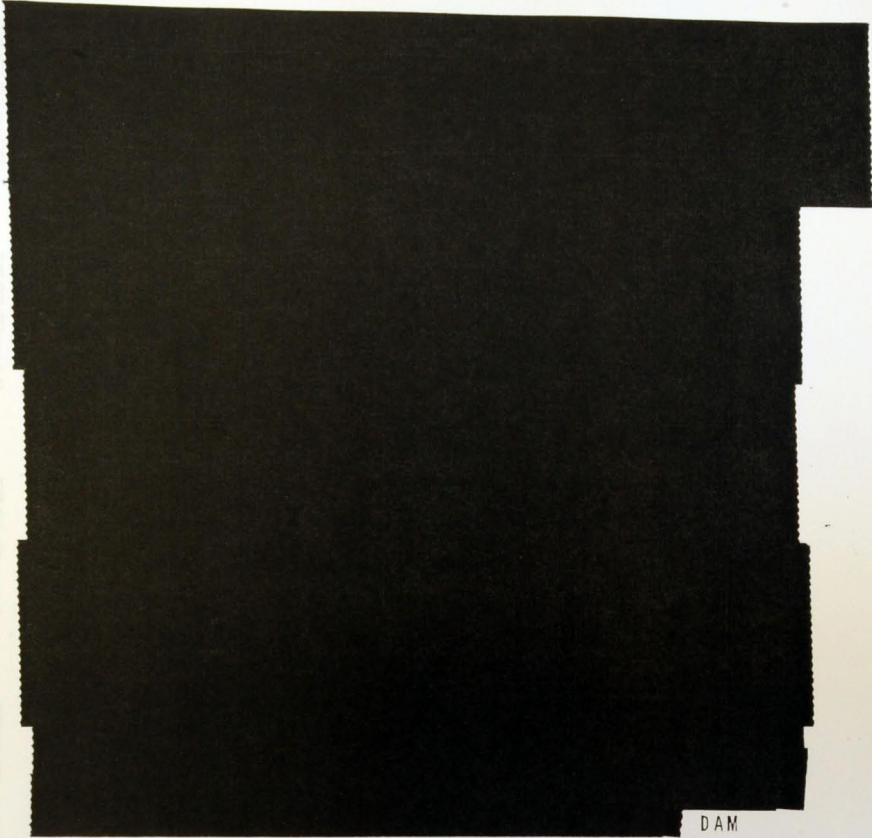
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SAID THAT THE U. S. WOULD BE GLAD TO DISCUSS THAT GENERAL PROBLEM, AND HOWE NOTED THAT THE FRENCH ALSO HAVE IDEAS ON THIS SCORE.

22. IN RESPONSE TO THATCHER'S REQUEST FOR AN OFFICIAL LIST OF U. S. AND CIVILIAN LOSSES, DAM SAID THAT THE ONLY FIRM FIGURES COVERED U. S. CITIZENS; OF OUR FORCES, 18 HAD BEEN KILLED AND 85 WOUNDED; NO U. S. CIVILIANS WERE AMONG THE CASUALTIES. TWENTY PATIENTS HAD BEEN

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LOST AT THE MENTAL HOSPITAL. APART FROM THAT, THERE WERE REPORTS THAT 50 OR 60 GRENADANS HAD BEEN KILLED.



DAM PROMISED TO PROVIDE THE TEXT OF THE FIVE TREATIES PLUS THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MINUTES WHICH SHOWED THE DENOUEMENT OF THE DRAMA.

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23. INF. DEPSEC SAID THAT THE US APPRECIATED MRS. THATCHER'S RESOLVE ON INF DEPLOYMENTS. HE CHARACTERIZED THE WESTERN POSITION IN GENEVA AS "SOUND", AND INDICATED THAT THE RECENT NPG DECISION NEEDED PUBLIC EMPHASIS. HE SAW THE ANDROPOV PROPOSAL AS OFFERING NOTHING NEW EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT IT TOOK INTO ACCOUNT ASIAN SYSTEMS AND PRESSED FOR A CEILING OF 140 WARHEADS. LOOKING AHEAD TO THE COMING BUNDESTAG DEBATE, HE SAID CONSIDERATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE VALUE OF A FURTHER U. S. MOVE; IF SUCH A MOVE WERE MADE, IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO SPECIFY A NUMBER OF WARHEADS, SOMETHING BETWEEN ZERO AND 572. WHILE ZERO CLEARLY WOULD BE BEST, WE MIGHT ILLUSTRATIVELY ADVANCE A PROPOSAL FOR A LIMIT OF 270 WARHEADS. THIS WOULD BE MILITARILY VALID. THE WARHEADS COULD BE DIVIDED AMONG THE BASING NATIONS. IT WOULD ILLUSTRATE THAT WE ARE READY TO GO LOWER. MOREOVER, IT WOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF NOT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT UK AND FRENCH SYSTEMS.

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24. BURT SAID THAT THE APPROACH WOULD BE TOTALLY COMPATIBLE WITH THAT TAKEN TO DATE. IN EFFECT, IT WOULD ATTACH SPECIFIC NUMBERS TO GLOBAL EQUALITY, EXPRESSED IN WARHEADS. WE WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT 90 SS-20S, SO THE EQUIVALENT FOR US WOULD BE 270 WARHEADS, OF WHICH TWO-THIRDS, OR 180, WOULD BE DEPLOYED IN WESTERN EUROPE. THIS WOULD MAINTAIN THE SAME MIX AS AT PRESENT: 5:1; THAT IS, 36 PERSHING IIS AND THE REMAINDER IN GLCMS.

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THAT THE FIGURE IS WELL ABOVE THE FIRST TRANCHE OF PERSHING DEPLOYMENTS, SCHEDULED TO BE NINE IN THE FRG.

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26. DAM SAID THAT, IN VIEW OF THE LIKELY SOVIET INTENTION TO WALK OUT OF THE INF TALKS, THE ISSUE WAS WHETHER TO MAKE A FURTHER PROPOSAL NOW OR TO WAIT.

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IT PROBABLY WOULD BE BETTER IF THEY WALKED OUT AFTER A CONCRETE PROPOSAL HAD BEEN ADVANCED.

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27. DAM INDICATED THAT THE US OPPOSED THE DANISH PROPOSAL FOR A FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING.

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DAM, REITERATING US OPPOSITION TO A MEETING, SAID IT COULD BE AVOIDED BY REFUSING TO JOIN A CONSENSUS FAVORING IT. BURT SAID THAT A REPLY SHOULD BE GIVEN FAST AND IT SHOULD BE NEGATIVE. BULLARD NOTED THAT THE DANES EXPECTED NONE TO AGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL.

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28. RETURNING TO THE ISSUE OF A NEW US INF PROPOSAL, DAM SAID THAT IT COULD INVOKE FURTHER PUBLIC DEMANDS FOR DELAYING DEPLOYMENTS. BURT ADDED THAT IT ALSO COULD NOT BE RULED OUT THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD COME FORWARD WITH SOMETHING NEW IN THE NEXT WEEKS.

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DEPSEC REPLIED THAT THE PRESIDENT IS LEAVING FOR JAPAN, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PLANNING WORK DONE WITH REGARD TO TARGETS AND WE ARE SEEKING FURTHER EVIDENCE IN THIS CONNECTION.

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DAM SAID THAT INTELLIGENCE WAS FOCUSING ON THE MUSSAWI GROUP AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACKS. FURTHER ATTACKS, HE SAID, WOULD INCREASE THE PRESSURE ON US TO MOVE AGAINST THEM. HOWE SAW THE NEED FOR A VERY SKILLFUL APPROACH AND DAM SAID THAT THE US WAS CONCIOUS OF THE POINTS HOWE WAS MAKING. HE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR BRITISH STATEMENTS ABOUT THE MNF.

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32. DAM SAID THAT THE GENEVA RECONCILIATION TALKS HAD RECESSED TO GIVE GEMAYEL THE OPPORTUNITY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE US ABOUT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. THE NEXT ITEM ON

THE AGENDA IS OTHER FORCES. THE US BELIEVES THIS IS WRONG. ISRAEL MAY BE READY TO PUT THE ISRAELI-LEBANESE AGREEMENT IN ABEYANCE, BUT TO SAY THAT WE NEED TO GET ISRAEL OUT BEFORE DEALING WITH THE OTHER ISSUES IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT IS IMPOSSIBLE. HOWE SAID THAT, IF THERE WERE AGREEMENT ON A WITHDRAWAL PROGRAM, MAYBE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO LEAVE THE ISRAELI-LEBANESE AGREEMENT ASIDE AND PRESS AHEAD WITH THE RECONCILIATION PROCESS.

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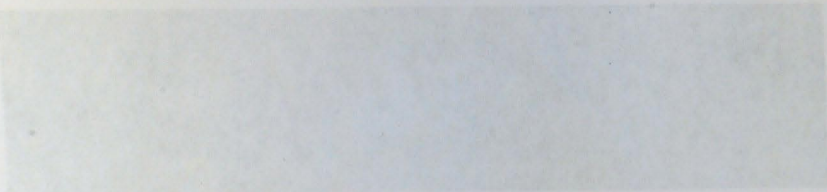
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HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO MOVE
FORWARD AND TO MAKE CLEAR THAT SYRIANS CANNOT VETO A
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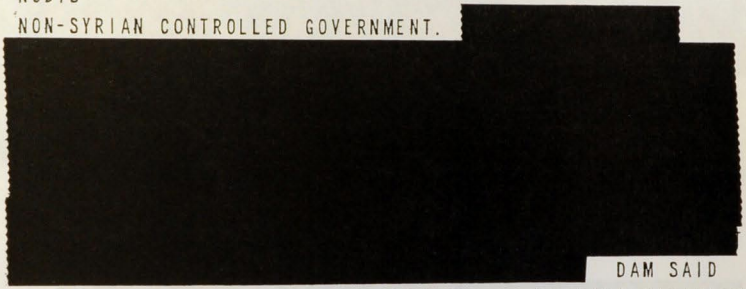
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DAM NOTED THAT

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38. [REDACTED]

DAM SAID THAT THE US WAS WORKING AT A PLANNING LLEVEL ON THIS ISSUE.

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BURT SAID THAT THE US HAS HAD NONE OF THIS KIND OF PERSONNEL SINCE THEY WERE DECLARED ILLEGAL AFTER VIETNAM.

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39. ARGENTINE CERTIFICATION.

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40. DAM SAID THAT THE US WOULD RESIST LANGUAGE GOING BEYOND LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION. MOREOVER, WE WILL TAKE STEPS TO CONSULT CLOSELY ON THIS ISSUE AS IT EVOLVES. BURT SAID THAT THE US POSITION WAS TO FAVOR A RESOLUTION CONSISTENT WITH THAT OF LAST YEAR; IF IT IS NOT RADICALLY CHANGED, WE WILL SUPPORT IT.

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41. ON CERTIFICATION, DAM SAID THAT THIS PROCEDURE DERIVES FROM CONGRESSIONAL CONCERNS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AND IT APPLIES TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES. WITH THE EMERGENCE OF A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN ARGENTINA, IT IS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION THAT WE WILL CERTIFY.

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DEPSEC SAID THAT COOPERATION WITH ARGENTINA WAS DESIRABLE OVER THE LONG TERM FOR EVERYONE. CERTAINLY THE ARGENTINE MILITARY SHOULD HAVE RELATIONS WITH OTHER MILITARY.

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DAM SAID THAT THE US WAS NOT RUSHING INTO ARMS SALES. THE ARGENTINES MAY TRY TO BUY COMMERCIALY IN THE US, AND THE US GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE LESS INFLUENCE IN THAT SPHERE.

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DAM SAID THAT US THINKING WAS LONG THE SAME LINES.
WHILE THERE WERE ALL KINDS OF STORIES OUT OF WASHINGTON
ABOUT SALES TO ARGENTINA, THIS MEANT ONLY THAT DISCUSSION
WAS IN PROGRESS. HE AGREED THAT THE US AND UK SHOULD
STAY IN TOUCH SO THAT THE BRITISH WOULD HAVE A CLEAR
VIEW OF THE EMERGING US POSITION. [REDACTED]

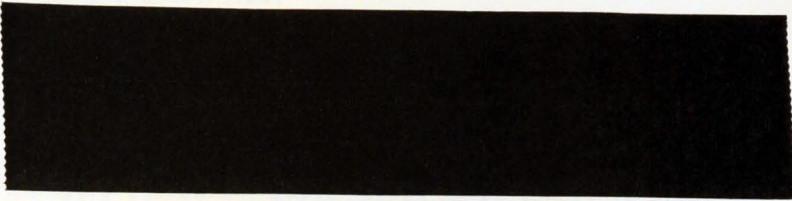
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44. DAM PROMISED TO REPORT IN DETAIL THE EVOLUTION OF US THINKING.

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