



## Prime Minister

### Argentina

Wd. it not be helpful, in the long run, to make a well-publicised statement expressing satisfaction at the successful election in Argentina? The inauguration of Alfonsín wd. be a good moment.

### Grenada

Wd it perhaps be possible to persuade yr. fellow Heads of Govt.: (a) to question whether any Marxist Leninist state sh<sup>d</sup>. be permitted to remain part of the Commonwealth? (b) to admit that, just as Communists are fond of saying that there are many ways to Socialism, there are many routes to Democracy.

### Belize

Any statement that we are willing to keep British troops there indefinitely wd, in my view, do a very great deal to soothe Anglo-American relations if they need such. (Dr. Fred Iklé told me in Washington that the U.S. wd. pay if it were necessary, but I expect you are aware of that.)

### Nicaragua

I think we shd. prepare ourselves for the likelihood,

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not just the possibility, that the U.S. will act against the Sandinista govt., unless they receive cast-iron undertakings that the aid to guerrillas in El Salvador & Guatemala will come to an end.

The U.S., despite <sup>this</sup> private enterprise's mastery of public relations, will almost certainly neglect the propaganda side of ~~the~~ any such initiative, especially in Europe, as they did over Grenada.

### Washington

I am going there on Nov. 27 & will see a lot of people, I expect, since I am chairman of a Georgetown University project, on Cuba. I shall let you have a note before our meeting on Dec. 9.

### Eisenhower

I attach a photocopy of an extract from Ike's diaries (on interesting book), which may interest you. He was then (1947) chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

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