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From the Private Secretary

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Barbados

We arranged for the Prime Minister to sit next to the Prime Minister of Barbados at The Queen's dinner for Commonwealth Heads of Government last night. The Prime Minister took the opportunity to ask Mr. Adams for his views on the handling of Grenada at the Conference. He said that he had left Barbados hoping that the issue would not be brought up but Mrs Gandhi had since referred to it in her speech and he believed that Miss Charles of Dominica would wish to comment. The Prime Minister then spoke to Miss Charles who said that she felt that she had no option but to raise Grenada. The Prime Minister told her that if this resulted in criticism of the OECS states she would herself intervene to defend their right to express their point of view.

A. J. Coler.

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