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# WITHDRAWAL SHEET

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- P-2 Relating to appointment to Federal office [(a)(2) of the PRA].
- P-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA].
- P-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA].
- P-5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA].
- P-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA].

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- F-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA].
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 8, 1983

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1230-1220-1120  
FEO02-01  
N0016  
C0058  
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FG011  
FG006-12  
FG034  
FG035

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with my desire that you be kept informed concerning the situation in Grenada, about which I reported to you on October 25, I am providing this further report on the presence of United States Armed Forces in Grenada.

Since then, the circumstances which occasioned the introduction of United States Armed Forces into Grenada have substantially changed. On November 2, the armed conflict in Grenada came to an end, and our task now, together with neighboring countries, is to assist the Grenadians in their effort to restore and revitalize their political institutions in a stable security environment.

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War Powers Report on Grenada

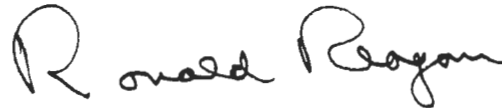
Letter also to Senator  
Strom Thurmond,  
President Pro Tempore  
of the Senate

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N5C#8307938

Delivered by hand 12/13/83 (12:00)

I am satisfied that the objectives of our operation in Grenada, including the protection of U.S. citizens, are being met successfully because of the valor and effectiveness of our forces. I ask for your continuing support as we strive to assist the people of Grenada in their efforts to restore peace, order, and human rights to their island.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 8, 1983

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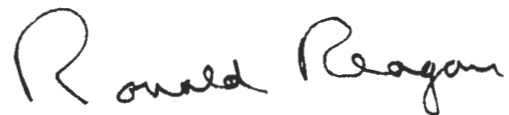
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The Honorable Strom Thurmond  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

MEMORANDUM

7938 Add-On Received SS

1983 DEC -7 AM 9:35

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 7, 1983

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *rcm*  
SUBJECT: Additional War Powers Reporting on Grenada

Issue

Whether to report further to Congress on the status of military forces in Grenada.

Facts/Discussion

In your letter to Congress of October 25, you reported on the introduction of U.S. forces into Grenada consistent with the War Powers Resolution. A second letter has now been prepared for your signature (Tab A) which will keep Congress informed of the status of U.S. forces there and also serve to notify Congress formally that hostilities have ceased. George Shultz (Tab B) and Cap Weinberger recommend you send the attached letters, and the Attorney General, Fred Fielding and Ken Duberstein concur.

Recommendation

OK      No

*[Signature]*

That you sign the reports at Tab A.

Prepared by:  
Paul B. Thompson

Attachment

Tab A      Reports to Congress  
Tab B      Memorandum from Secretary Shultz

cc: The Vice President



TAB  
A



TAB  
B

THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

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November 17, 1983 23  
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SITUATION ROOM

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From: George P. Shultz *GPS*

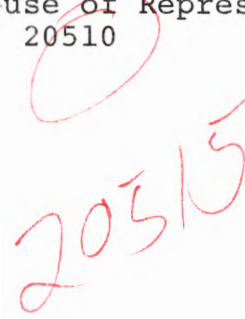
Subject: War Powers and Grenada

In accordance with our discussion yesterday morning, attached is a draft report on Grenada to be sent to the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The report states that the armed conflict in Grenada came to an end on November 2, and that United States Armed Forces still in Grenada are not now in a situation where hostilities are likely to occur.

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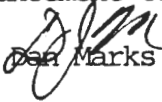
The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20510



December 8, 1983

FOR THE PRESS OFFICE:

Please note that these letters, dated 12/8/83, were delivered to the Speaker and the President pro tempore today. The release is dated 12/9/83 in anticipation of an announcement tomorrow.

  
Dan Marks

To Jeanne, Press Off. 12/8 (4:15p)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE CLERK  
TRACKING SHEET FOR PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

TITLE:

*Mr. Sowers - Grenada*

TYPE DOCUMENT:

PROCLAMATION

MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS/SENATE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

SIGNING STATEMENT

LETTER (S)

OTHER:

RECEIVED:

*12/6/83*

Time:

*10:15* a.m./p.m.

*(10:35am) Asked Tom Shull, NSC, to have p. 2 of speech in ltr. redone to reflect current ZIP. Rec'd. 10:50*

SENT TO CORRESPONDENCE FOR TYPING IN FINAL:

Date:

*12/6/83*

Time:

*10:30* a.m./p.m.

TO RICHARD DARMAN'S OFFICE:

Date:

*12/6/83*

Time:

*10:51* a.m./p.m.

INFO, INCLUDING STENCIL, TO PRESS OFFICE:

Date:

*12/8/83*

Time:

*4:15* a.m./p.m.

*for release in a.m. tomorrow per Darman*

NOTIFICATIONS:

(initial)

On any major transmittals to the Congress, and in every instance when draft legislation is sent, notify Lynn Skolnick (ext. 2230).

(initial)

N.S.C., when appropriate (Brian Merchant, ext. 2585)

OTHER INFORMATION:

*4:35p*

*copy to Jerry, Dick Harwood, etc. for this info. - per Dick Harwood*

December 1, 1983  
(4:45pm)

FOR THE RECORD:

This Grenada package was received in this office just now. I called Jan McMinn of Darman's office to ask if she wanted us to do anything with it. She says that we should simply hold it here. There's likely to be another set of letters which are originating in the NSC on this matter.

We'll hold this in our file and wait to attach it to something else later on.

*DM*  
Dan

*Note: This is an old,  
dead file.*



## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/21/83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4:00 p.m. TODAY

SUBJECT: REPORT TO CONGRESS ON GRENADA

ACTION FYI			ACTION FYI		
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HICKEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MEESE <i>Per Cribb - looks O.K. TO us 11/21</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	JENKINS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BAKER <i>OK 11/21</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	McFARLANE* <i>(see attached)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEAVER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	McMANUS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STOCKMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MURPHY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DARMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ROGERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DUBERSTEIN <i>see comments 11/21</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SPEAKES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FELDSTEIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SVAHN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## REMARKS:

May we please have your immediate reaction on the attached.

Thank you.

## RESPONSE:

\* per Bob Kimmitt, NSC comments will be in form of memo from Bud to P (since, Bob says, these generally come from NSC, not 747).

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702



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THE WHITE HOUSE 1983 NOV 21 PM 2: 15  
WASHINGTON

November 21, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
AND DEPUTY TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING   
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

Attached is a proposed Report to Congress on Grenada which I  
am forwarding to you for staffing when you feel it is  
appropriate.

Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Report to Congress on Grenada

Now that the armed conflict in Grenada has ended, the Secretaries of State and Defense recommend that you send a further report to the Congressional leadership advising them of the current situation and the anticipated role of the United States Armed Forces in Grenada. This report would also serve another important purpose; namely, it would indicate for the historical record, and hopefully establish the precedent that once there is a cessation of hostilities (even assuming any vitality of the War Powers Resolution) no Congressional authorization or other action is required under the War Powers Resolution for the continuing presence of United States Armed Forces in Grenada (or anywhere else) beyond a period of sixty (60) days from their initial introduction.

Recommendation

That you sign the attached letters to the Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate at Tab A.

This action is recommended by the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the Department of Justice, and the National Security Council.

Attachment

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

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**WASHINGTON**

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Strom Thurmond  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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1983 NOV 21 PM 3:29

Document No. 168258SS

## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: REPORT TO CONGRESS ON GRENADA

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### REMARKS:

May we please have your immediate reaction on the attached.

Thank you.

*RGD*  
*Looks OK to me.*

### RESPONSE:

*JAB*

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702



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1983 NOV 21 PM 5:14

## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

**URGENT**

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Thank you.

11/22/83

## RESPONSE:

The NSC staff has reviewed subject report and will be responding in a separate memo from McFarlane to the President. We believe there may be good reason not to emphasize the War Powers issue at this point.

Robert M. Kimmitt  
Robert M. Kimmitt  
Executive Secretary

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702

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1983 NOV 21 PM 6:37

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### REMARKS:

May we please have your immediate reaction on the attached.

Thank you.

### RESPONSE:

- 1) No fortifications but 2 injured last week.
- 2) What are the 4500 still doing there?
- 3) See #4. Very confusing.

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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I am satisfied that the objectives of our operation in Grenada, including the protection of U.S. citizens, are being met successfully, due to the valor and effectiveness of our forces. I ask for your continuing support as we strive to assist the people of Grenada in their efforts to restore peace, order, and human rights in their troubled island.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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December 9, 1983

TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE  
PRESIDENT TO THE SPEAKER OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND  
THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE

December 8, 1983

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

December 1, 1983

**SUSPENSE**

ACTION

TO: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE  
FROM: PAUL B. THOMPSON  
SUBJECT: War Powers and Grenada

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Recommendation

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

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John: JCS comments solicited, incorporated,  
and cleared by Defense. Comments are at Tab III.  
Revised letters for signature at Tab A.

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note:  
this implies  
they were  
before

as a

combat

The period  
of turmoil  
is behind  
us. Our  
task now,  
together  
with  
neighboring  
countries,  
is to  
assist  
Grenada  
in their  
efforts to  
restore  
and rebuild  
their  
political  
institutions  
in a stable  
security  
environment.

## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

December 1, 1983

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Bob,

I had trouble with the last sentence  
on 1st. page. I don't think that is accurate.

Have Ollie get a JCS copy. J

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The actual breakout includes 153 MP's

These cannot ~~be~~ be "technically" be characterized as "technical services" personnel, "technically speaking."

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 25, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

FROM: RICHARD A. HAUSER *RHA*  
DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Proposed Report to Congress Re: Grenada

As requested, we have reviewed the latest version of the proposed report to Congress on Grenada and, with the following revision, have no objections. We would recommend that paragraph two be revised as follows:

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The repositioning of the first and second sentences makes it clearer that the changed circumstances relate back to the date forces were introduced rather than the date on which combat ceased. This would also eliminate, in our view, the need to characterize the cessation of hostilities through a phrase, such as "period of turmoil", which is susceptible to differing interpretations, particularly in light of intermittent sniper fire, etc.