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Decision Directive 110A

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RESPONSE TO CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS'REQUEST TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY ON GRENADA

Following the October 13 coup on Grenada, the deaths of the Prime Minister, several Cabinet officials, and numerous citizens, the Organization of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) met on October 22 in Barbados. These Caribbean democratic nations have unanimously and formally resolved to form a multi-national Caribbean force to remove "the outlaw regime on Grenada" and restore democracy by any means, including force of arms. They have formally requested that the U.S., along with other friendly countries, provide help in accomplishing this objective. The recent violence and instability have also created a situation which could seriously jeopardize the lives and safety of American citizens. (S)

In response to the OECS request for U.S. participation in a multi-national effort to restore democracy on Grenada and to take prudent precautions to protect the lives and safety of American citizens, the following actions recommended by the Special Situation Group (SSG) are directed:

- o The Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Director of Central Intelligence, will land U.S. and allied Caribbean military forces in order to take control of Grenada, no later than dawn Tuesday, October 25, 1983. Collection of requisite military intelligence for this operation should proceed immediately by all necessary means. This operation has a three-fold objective:
  - Assuring the safety of American citizens on Grenada.
  - In conjunction with other OECS/friendly government participants, the restoration of democratic government on Grenada.
  - The elimination of current, and the prevention of further, Cuban intervention in Grenada. (TS)

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- The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Director of Central Intelligence, will assure diplomatic cooperation with the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and other friendly governments. He will also inform Cuba and the Soviet Union of our actions at an appropriate time and provide for the safe passage from Grenada for their nationals. A coordinated legislative and public affairs strategy will be prepared which reflects:
  - The multi-lateral character of our actions.
  - The human rights, abuses, and oppression of the current regime and the recent violence which potentially endangers U.S. lives.
  - The democratic nature of the new government being installed. (TS)

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In order to preserve the lives and safety of U.S. citizens on Grenada and military personnel involved in this operation, all agencies of the U.S. Government will maintain strictest security controls. Appropriate cover and deception measures are authorized to mislead the present Grenadian regime and the Cubans concerning our true intentions. In this regard, all senior USG officials should maintain normal schedules to the maximum extent practicable between now and the initiation of this operation. (TS)

*Ronald Reagan*

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