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BY AW NARA DATE 3/10/17DRAFT 2010 OCT. 25
as of 05:45 a.m.North
47PUBLIC STATEMENT FOR THE PRESIDENT AFTER THE OPERATION HAS BEGUN

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Early this morning, forces from six Caribbean democracies and the United States landed on the island of Grenada in the Eastern Caribbean.

I ordered American participation in this multinational effort, which was organized at the urgent, formal request of the five democracies in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States. Forces from seven countries, including contingents from Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the United States are now on Grenada.

We are taking this decisive action for three reasons: first, and of over-riding importance, to protect innocent lives, including up to 1,000 Americans whose personal safety is my paramount concern; second, to forestall further disorder; and third, to assist in the restoration of democracy to the island of Grenada where a brutal group of leftist thugs violently seized power, killing the Prime Minister, three cabinet members, two labor leaders and other civilians, including children.

Let there be no misunderstanding: this collective action has been forced on us by events that have no precedent in the Eastern Caribbean, and no place in any civilized society. American lives are at stake. What appears to have begun the evening of October 12, as a struggle for power among contending factions of a dictatorship, degenerated into widescale murder. In the midst of this extraordinarily dangerous situation, the only visible act of authority has been imposition of a shoot-on-sight curfew. We have witnessed a complete disintegration of any organized authority.

The Caribbean democracies and the United States have - since 1980 - been concerned by Grenada's tightening links to Cuba and the Soviet Union. The tragic events of the last ten days, appear to have had no direct relationship to either the Soviets or the Cubans. We do know, however, that Grenada's self-proclaimed military leaders are hard-line Communists with close and long-held ties to Moscow and Havana. These new rulers have not succeeded in establishing peace or stability.

Last weekend, Grenada's neighbors in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States were still unable to receive reliable information or assurances. They decided they had to take collective action to restore constitutional and democratic order in Grenada.

The Organization formally appealed for assistance to their

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Caribbean neighbors and friendly governments. They pointed out that the stakes include not only the physical safety of the people in Grenada, both foreigners and citizens of that country, but the peace and security of the entire Eastern Caribbean region.

We had been following the situation as closely as possible. Between 800 to 1000 Americans, including many medical students and senior citizens, make up the largest single group of foreign residents in Grenada. From the start of these latest troubles, we have consciously sought to calm fears. We were determined not to make an already bad situation worse, and increase the risks our citizens faced.

But when I received reports that a large number of our citizens were seeking to escape the island, thereby exposing themselves to great danger, and after receiving a formal request for help from neighboring states, I concluded the United States had no choice but to act strongly and decisively. I thus agreed to the urgent requests Grenada's neighbors to participate in the joint effort now underway.

Let me repeat, United States' objectives are clear: to protect U.S. citizens, to facilitate the evacuation of those who want to leave, and to help in the restoration of democratic institutions in Grenada.

I understand that several Caribbean states have already asked that the Organization of American States consider the situation in Grenada. Our diplomacy will work in close cooperation with the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States and the other countries participating in this multilateral effort.

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