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TAGS: PREL, MILI, OAS, GJ, US, KX, XL, XS
SUBJECT: GRENADA: US POLICY IN RESPONSE TO EASTERN
CARIBBEAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 303760

1. ENTIRE TEXT

2. AMBASSADOR SPOKE WITH PRESIDENT SUAZO AT 0900 LOCAL TIME TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE REPTTEL. SUAZO SAID HE WAS "VERY SATISFIED AND PLEASED" BY JOINT USG, OECs, BARBADAN AND JAMAICAN ACTION. HE SAID REGIME WAS MARXIST AND GRENADA WAS SITE OF COMMUNIST EXPANSIONIST PLANS IN EASTERN CARIBBEAN, INCLUDING AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS, ETC. SUAZO EXPRESSED TOTAL SUPPORT FOR OUR ACTION AND JOINGLY SAID HE HOPED SURINAM WOULD BE NEXT.

3. SUAZO MENTIONED ONE TACTICAL POINT WHICH HE CONSIDERED OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE. HE FELT IT WOULD BE SERIOUS TACTICAL ERROR FOR OECs TO CONVOC OAS MEETING BEFORE GRENADAN GOVERNMENT HAD FALLEN. HE BELIEVES THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE REMOVED WITHIN NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AND THEN HOLD OAS MEETING; BUT NOT RPT NOT BEFORE. IF OAS MEETING TAKES PLACE, WHILE GOVERNMENT STILL IN POWER, WE CAN EXPECT NICARAGUA AND OTHERS TO COME TO GRENADAN GOVERNMENT RESCUE AT OAS AND DISRUPT THIS EXCELLENT JOINT ACTION WITH VARIOUS POLITICAL MANEUVERS. MUCH BETTER TO PRESENT OAS WITH FAIT ACCOMPLI.

4. AMBASSADOR TOLD SUAZO WE HAD NOTHING DEFINITE ON ACTUAL STATUS OF GRENADAN GOVERNMENT, BUT WOULD PASS HIS INTERESTING IDEAS ON TO WASHINGTON FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. NEGROPONTE

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