2.0. 12356: DECL: DOD
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SUBJECT: GRENADA: US POLICY IN RESPONSE TO EASTERN CARIBBEAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

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1. ENTIRE TEXT

2. AMBASSADOR SUAZO WITH PRESIDENT SUAZO AT 0300 LOCAL TIME TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE RETEL. SUAZO SAID HE WAS VERY SATISFIED AND PLEASED BY JOINT USG, OEG, 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 JOANINGLY 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 OEG TO CONVOZ 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 ACHIEVIE.

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