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WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Grenada Withdrawal Plan (U)

(1) The Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command (USCINCLANT), briefed his refined withdrawal plan to the Joint Chiefs of Staff on November 28 and outlined his proposals for a security assistance program on Grenada over the next six months.

a. By December 14, 1983, reduce U.S. presence on Grenada to 275-350 personnel, with further reductions in these numbers to be carried out soon thereafter.

b. The primary security force will be provided by the U.S. and will consist of a company of military police. This force will be reduced after December 14 as conditions warrant.

c. To enhance real and perceived security on the island and to serve as an effective deterrent, a plan for reinsertion of U.S. forces will be developed. Further, as conditions dictate, regularly scheduled Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercises can be used to reinsert forces for two or three day periods to maintain visibility and serve as a deterrent.

d. The U.S. will maintain maritime surveillance using USLANTCOM/USCG assets. Air surveillance, if required, will be provided around the island by OV-1D aircraft operating from Barbados.

(2) The security assistance program outlined at Tab A was commenced on November 30 when the first shipments of necessary equipment and advance parties of training personnel arrived in Grenada. Through this program, we will train CPF forces on Grenada and replacement personnel on the home islands of the contributing governments.

(3) Functions of the residual U.S. presence on Grenada specified at Tab B are planned to be shifted to contract civilian personnel after December 14. This civilian substitution will be used to reduce steadily the U.S. military presence on the island. U.S. forces on Grenada as of November 28, 1983 and their employment are listed at Tab C.

(4) The military/police organization structure, to be utilized while the CPF is deployed on the island, has been designed to integrate the CPF mission, police functions, and the U.S. military assistance program and promote efficiency and cooperation at each level.

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(S) After the redeployment of U.S. combat forces under the command of Commander, U.S. Forces Grenada, we will consider establishing a Military Liaison Office (MLO) in Grenada, which would function under the Ambassador in standard fashion. This organization would oversee the efforts of the residual U.S. presence, consisting of advisors to the CPF and those support personnel required for civic action projects, military police, security, aviation, medical, and air traffic control functions. Total personnel will be the minimum required to accomplish the training and security assistance missions.

(S) It is imperative that State and Defense Department initiatives in Grenada be closely coordinated. As State Department efforts go forward to assist the Grenadians in organizing an interim government and preparing for elections at the soonest feasible time, Grenadian police force must be created and trained. Since we are prohibited from using FMS funds or military personnel to train civilian police, other arrangements must be made on a priority basis. When Grenadian police are able to take over security functions from the CPF, redeployment of CPF units can begin. In this regard, the DoD fully supports the State Department initiative to encourage the Government of Grenada, at the proper time, to join the OECS. This action would facilitate U.S. military training of Grenadian forces designated for regional security roles.

(S) DoD plans to reduce aviation assets on Grenada to the minimum levels required to meet immediate operational and emergency needs. It is recommended that the State Department arrange alternative means of air transportation in the near term to meet the requirements of all other U.S. Government agencies and support personnel.

(S) DoD agrees with State's concerns over the poor control of prisoners and the general security at the Richmond Prison. These unsatisfactory conditions, as reported by Ambassador Gillespie and COMUSFORCES Grenada, should be addressed on a priority basis and, with the agreement of the Governor General, corrective action should be undertaken as a matter of great urgency.

(S) As U.S. combat forces are withdrawn and our major emphasis shifts to the training of the CPF personnel both on Grenada and on the contributing islands, DoD will keep you closely advised of progress and changes in schedule or security assistance planning.

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**SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**"A" Teams**

- One team to each of the OECS islands to train next CPF contingent and then the contingent presently on Grenada - 12 weeks
- One team to Jamaica to train the JDF replacement companies and technical training on US equipment - 12 weeks
- One team to Grenada for technical training on US equipment for current CPF and follow-on counterinsurgency training for troops trained on home islands - 180 days

One "B" Team on Barbados to administer the program and provide specialized training

Two logistics coordination teams, one each on Barbados and Grenada - 12 weeks

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TAB A

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**PRESENT EMPLOYMENT OF US FORCES**

- Day and night patrols (air and ground)
- Quick Reaction Teams from combat forces with one JDF Section integrated
- Moving checkpoints
- Physical security
- Road repair
- Medical assistance
- PSYOPS
- Civil affairs

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**US FORCES IN GRENADA AS OF NOVEMBER 28**

82d Forces

2-505 TF 960

Corps Support

HQ COMUSFORGRENADA 316

1st COSCOM 469

16th MP Brigade 420

85th Signal Bde 168

525th MI Group 139

20th Engineer Bde 102

4th PSYOP 79

USAF Support 122

TOTAL 2775

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RESIDUAL US FORCES SUPPORT TO CPF

US Military Support Element

- \*Command and Control
- \*Admin/Logistics Support Package
- \*Aviation Detachment
- \*Civil Affairs and PSYOPs
- \*Intel Support Package
- \*Professional Medical/Surgeon Support
- \*Medical Clearing Company
- Medical Air Ambulance Detachment
- Communications Section
- US Liaison Officer Team
- One MP Company Plus Two MP PLTs

\* Potential Civilian Substitution Area

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