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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Grenada Documents (U)

1. You recently inquired about the exploitation of the remarkable set of documents acquired during the Grenada operation. The following is a summary of that exploitation.

2. The current inventory of captured documents exceeds 12,000 in addition to our finding some 200 Soviet and Cuban propaganda films. Contrary to expectations, there were no documents of any significance on the premises when the Grenadian authorities recently took custody of the former Cuban Embassy.

3. The interagency exploitation effort progresses well on dual tracks--intelligence and public disclosure--mandated by NSDD-112.

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-- All of the documents will be reviewed, analyzed and placed on microfiche by May 28. The microfiched documents will then be catalogued and stored at the National Archives. This procedure will allow us to honor the interim Grenadian Government's request that the original documents be returned, subject to your approval.

-- The documents reveal how the Soviets and Cubans nurtured the development of a Soviet/Cuban proxy, how Grenada was used to subvert and manipulate political and regional movements, and how the Soviets and Cubans intended to make Grenada a base for subversion. These themes were confirmed by the intelligence community in a preliminary Interagency Assessment (IIA) published in December 1983. The data continues to be analyzed and an updated report is tentatively scheduled to be published in mid-July.

-- Early on, selected documents substantiating the above points were released to the media. A selection from the entire collection of documents will soon be published as a book by our Interagency Committee on Grenada. Translations of this book are envisaged. Furthermore, USIA is planning to publish, and distribute worldwide five or six pamphlets based on these documents to further understanding of Communist objectives in the Caribbean Basin.

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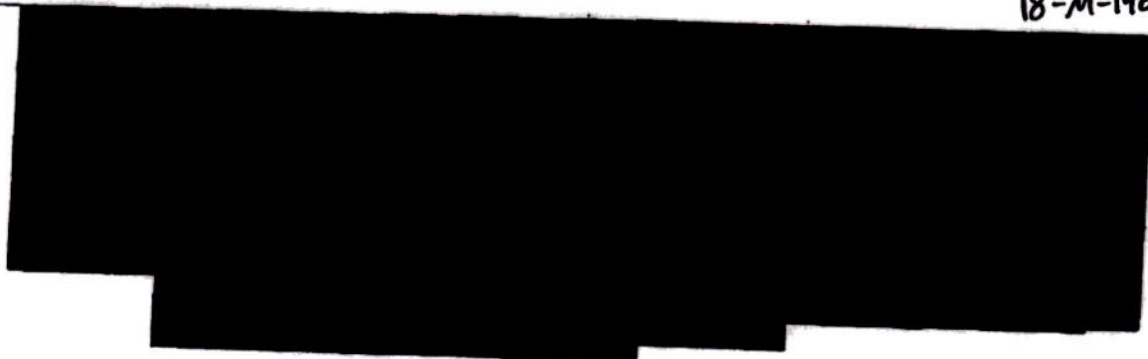
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The evidence does indeed confirm our initial fears that the USSR and Cuba were turning Grenada into a center for further subversion of the region. We will continue actively to pursue other ways of further exploiting this evidence as well as ensuring that those actions currently underway are completed in a timely fashion.

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