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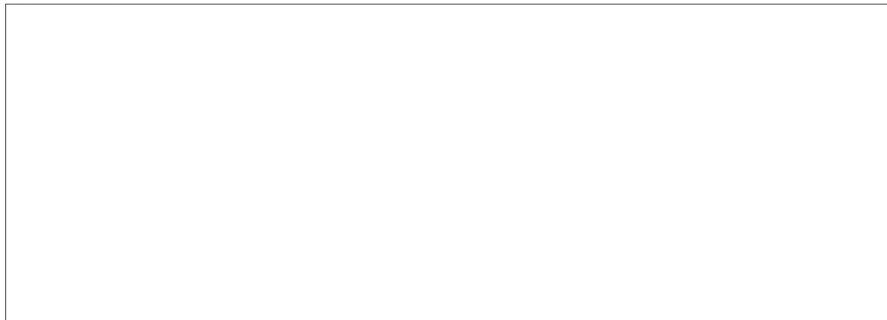
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**GRENADA: Status of Airport Project**

Construction of the new Point Salines International Airport is proceeding rapidly. [redacted]

[redacted] Prime Minister Bishop recently said that preparations for the opening in March 1984 are on schedule and that test flights could take place by late January, if not sooner. Bishop also said Grenada is looking for additional funds to accelerate the construction. [redacted]



**Comment:** All indications point to completion of the airport in time for the scheduled opening next March. Claims by Grenadian officials that the airport will be used solely for commercial purposes are questionable. Grenada currently does not have enough hotel rooms to accommodate even one or two large commercial flights per week, and there is no indication new hotels will be built any time soon.



Cuba's involvement in Grenada's affairs and its prominent role in the airport project suggest that Havana sees some potential strategic benefits from the airport. [redacted]