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SITUATION REPORT NO. 4

SITUATION IN GRENADA AS OF 0500 EDT, OCTOBER 22, 1983

OAS headquarters received a report from its Grenada office that former Grenadian UN Ambassador Radix, prominent journalist Alistair Hughes and his wife were killed though Radio Free Grenada has denied the report. Reportedly 38 people have been killed since the disturbances began. We still have not been able to confirm earlier reports that Bernard Coard has also been killed. It has been confirmed that the Grenada Ambassador to the OAS, Dessima Williams has resigned.

Unsubstantiated reports indicate that rioting and looting occurred during the four hour period the curfew was lifted October 20. These disturbances were said to be provoked by grocery stores not being open.

Despite the curfew, it appears that construction of the Point Salines Airfield is continuing. However, there are no defenses visible.

Leaders of the Eastern Caribbean subregion (plus Jamaica) gathered in Bridgetown October 21 to discuss joint measures against Grenada. These plus the other members of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) will hold another round of meetings in Trinidad October 22. Press reports quote Trinidad Foreign Ministry sources as stating that the meeting would consider the exclusion of Grenada from CARICOM. Trinidad Government officials reported that they had vehemently rejected a Grenadian request to intercede with the U.S. on their behalf in order to forestall an "imminent" intervention by U.S. forces.

We have received unconfirmed reports that Michelle Gibbs, an American citizen friend of former Prime Minister Bishop, was detained on October 19 by members of the People's Revolutionary Army.

Unconfirmed reports also indicate that the Revolutionary Military Council may extend the curfew two or three days past its scheduled expiration and that strikes by seamen, waterfront workers, and communications workers could continue.

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We continue to receive assurances from various sources that U.S. citizens at the medical school are safe. We understand that 34 students have already signed up to leave and some have already left on chartered boats. The Revolutionary Military Government has given permission for two Embassy officials to visit Grenada today.


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