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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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General John W. Vessey, Jr.
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Jack:

A telecommunication under Major General Richard G. Graves' name forwarded from CINCARLANT to CINCLANT, info the Department of Army, Washington, D.C., dated 19 November, has been flagged to my attention. In that cable General Graves comments on the intelligence provided to US forces during the Grenada operation. According to General Graves, the overall intelligence regarding the Cubans in Grenada was inadequate. The mission essential information was inaccurate and the enemy was portrayed as poorly armed, low in morale and not expected to offer much resistance. General Graves goes on to note that even the information on the student location was inadequate.

I am somewhat dismayed, in fact disturbed, at General Graves' comments since the overall intelligence was rather good. As a matter of fact, the intelligence provided on Grenada over the past year raised a number of flags that turned out to be right on target. While I understand that CINCLANT does not agree with General Graves, I feel General Graves' report detracts considerably from what I believe to have been an overall successful operation.

While I may not change General Graves' assessment of the situation, I would prefer that when he goes to print he be more accurate than his cable reflected. I am taking the liberty of providing a copy of my comments to General John Wickham.

I also want to take the opportunity to offer you my warmest regards and wishes for a most pleasant and peaceful holiday for you and the personnel of the US military that I admire so much.

Sincerely,

/s/
William J. Casey

cc: General John A. Wickham

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