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GRENADA: Contingency Planning (S)

The coup and subsequent disorders on Grenada have created a situation that could seriously jeopardize the lives and safety of American citizens. Furthermore, the murders of former government leaders and the apparent breakdown of control have created a situation which could lead to the further radicalization of Grenadan society and increased Cuban/Soviet presence and activities on the island. (S)

All prudent measures should be taken to protect the lives and safety of American citizens on Grenada, should the situation so require. The United States should also be prepared to participate in a multi-lateral effort to restore order on Grenada and prevent further Cuban/Soviet intervention/ involvement on the island. Accordingly, the following actions recommended by the SSG are directed:

- U.S. military units and, particularly, U.S. Naval air and Marine amphibious forces will move immediately to reduce response time for the conduct of non-combatant evacuation operations (NEO) on Grenada. The Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will ensure that all possible measures are taken to preserve the security of these activities and reduce the possibility of pre-emptive action by the Soviets/Cubans. The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Director of Central Intelligence, will also commence planning for U.S. participation in a multi-lateral effort to restore order on Grenada and deter Cuban military intervention. (TS)
- The Secretary of State, in concert with the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence, will initiate contact with Allies and other regional governments, as appropriate, to determine their assessment of the situation on the island and their willingness to participate in a multi-lateral force to restore order on Grenada. The Department of State will also prepare associated diplomatic, legislative, and public affairs plans regarding this contingency. These will be implemented, as appropriate, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Central Intelligence. (TS)

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