

-GRENADA/U.S.>WOODRUFF: It was one year ago today that American troops led an invasion of the tiny Caribbean island of Grenada in order to overthrow its Marxist government. In Grenada there are no celebrations planned by the interim government that took over U.S. soldiers left. And in this country the highest ranking Army officer who took part in the invasion said in a newspaper interview that his first reaction on getting word that the operation was on was, 'Why on earth Grenada?' But Maj. Gen. Norman Schwartzcof told the Atlanta Constitution that he later understood why when he saw how happy the island residents were to have the Americans come in. Charlene Hunter-Gault was one of the first reporters to get onto Grenada after the invasion. Recently she went back to see what has happened in the past year. Charlene?

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LEHRER: Charlayne, a couple of questions. First of all, do, what do the people in Grenada call the U.S. action? Do they call it an, an invasion, as we do?

HUNTER-GAULT: Absolutely not. Just about any time you mention 'invasion' in Grenada, anybody you mention it to corrects you and says it was a rescue mission. I finally was pushed into a corner and started to have to refer to it as 'the events of last October' so as not to...

LEHRER: I see. I see. And the attitude toward the action, then, is, is all positive, or it's not all positive?

HUNTER-GAULT: Well, I wouldn't say all positive. That's the big trap that you fall into. I think that there's no question that there's universal appreciation for what the United States did, and I think that for the most part, the business sector and, and even people you talk to just who don't have any ideological bent necessarily going, feel that the U.S. presence is good. But the dangerous thing about Grenada and trying to tape a piece, like the one we've just taken... I mean, it's accurate. I, I attest to that. But there's still so much fear in the country that, even this time last year I found fear, but now people still have a fear of the unknown. Last year it was who killed Bishop? Why was he killed? Will we be next? This year it's, what's going to happen in the trials? Are the people going to be convicted? Are there any more of the army people still out there organizing to come back? And also, there is some subliminal fear, I think, of the United States in some quarters. I mean, one little guy on the beach told me one day, 'You know, I don't know if I can talk to you. You may be CIA. This place is crawling

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with CIA.' So, you know, whether that's true or not, and there, there are people who believe that, and there are just all kinds of things that make the people very restrained. So I don't think that they don't tell you the truth when you talk to them, I just think that they don't always tell you the whole truth.

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