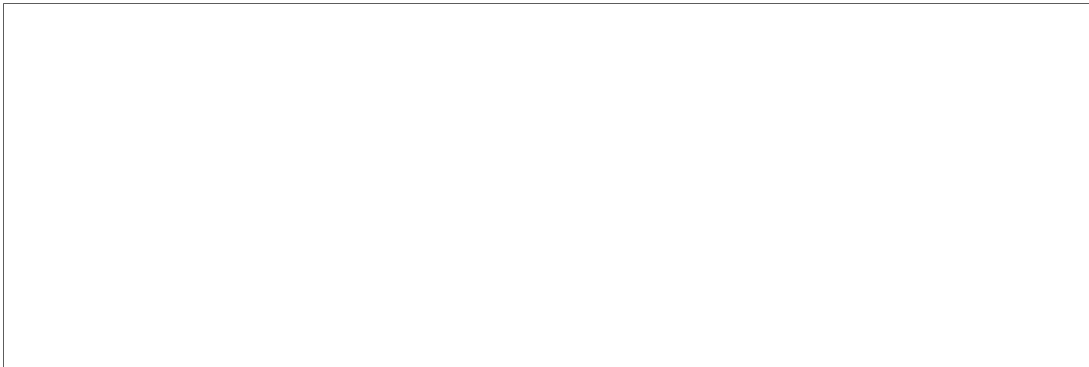


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NARCOTICS AND VOGEL TESTIMONY

THE TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER SEAGA'S APR 8 SPEECH TO  
THE NATION ON GOJ'S DETERMINATION TO FIGHT NARCOTICS  
AND HIS REFUTATION OF ALLEGATIONS IN THE APR 5  
CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY CONVICTED NARCOTICS  
TRAFFICKER MICHAEL VOGEL FOLLOWS BELOW. BEGIN TEXT:

A. GOOD EVENING. THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA SOME 3  
OR MORE YEARS AGO, TOOK A POSITIVE POLICY DECISION TO  
WIPE OUT DANGEROUS DRUGS IN JAMAICA. NEEDLESS TO SAY,  
AT THE TIME, BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY INCIDENCE OF GANJA-  
GROWING IN JAMAICA, THIS WAS CONSIDERED TO BE AN ACT  
OF POLITICAL SUICIDE BECAUSE OF THE OUTPOURING OF  
REACTION FROM ALL QUARTERS WHICH WOULD RESULT WITH  
IMPACT ON OUR POLITICAL POPULARITY. NEVERTHELESS, WE  
TOOK STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY REGARDLESS OF THE  
NEGATIVE POLITICAL RESULTS BECAUSE OF WHAT WE  
CONSIDERED WAS NECESSARY TO BE DONE TO SAVE THE  
COUNTRY FROM THE FATE OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN THIS REGION  
WHERE DRUG BARONS WERE VIRTUALLY CORRUPTING THEIR WAY TO  
POWER AND ESTABLISHING CONTROL OVER THE VITAL AREAS OF  
NATURAL LIFE. TAKING THIS UNPOPULAR DECISION WAS ONLY  
ONE MORE SUCH TOUGH DECISION THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS  
TAKEN IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST WHETHER DEALING WITH  
PROGRAMMES TO REBUILD THE ECONOMY OR TO CURB  
INDISCIPLINE.

B. FOR A GOOD TIME WE WERE THE LONE VOICE CRYING OUT  
AGAINST THE THREAT OF DANGEROUS DRUGS TO NATIONAL  
HEALTH AND NATIONAL INTEGRITY. THAT IS NO LONGER SO.  
BOTH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES ARE NOW JOINED IN A  
COMMON OBJECTIVE TO WIPE OUT THE THREAT OF DANGEROUS  
DRUGS TO OUR SOCIETY. THIS, OF COURSE, HAS NOT MADE  
THE DRUG BARONS HAPPY. THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THEY  
THOUGHT THEY COULD PLAY OFF ONE PARTY AGAINST THE OTHER  
AND ENDEAVOURED TO DO SO. OUR CAMPAIGN, AIDED BY THE  
SUPPORT OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND IN KEEPING WITH OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDEN  
THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON DRUG TRAFFICKING HAS  
HAD AN ENORMOUS IMPACT ON BOTH THE CULTIVATION AND  
TRADING OF GANJA. THE LEVEL OF ERADICATION OF THE  
CROP HAS BEEN GROWING YEARLY, WITH THE RESULT THAT  
LAST YEAR THREE-QUARTERS OF THE CROP WAS WIPED OUT.

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THE EFFECTIVENESS OF NEW METHODS TO BE USED THIS YEAR WILL ENSURE EVEN GREATER SUCCESS AND WILL FURTHER CLOSE THE LOOP HOLES WHICH EXIST IN TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS FROM OUR SHORES WHETHER FROM STOCKS OF GANJA WHICH STILL EXIST OR FROM TRANSHIPMENT OF DRUGS THROUGH JAMAICA FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. THE FIGHT AGAINST COCAINE WHICH IS A GROWING PROBLEM IS EQUALLY BEING INTENSIFIED IN OUR DETERMINATION TO WIPE OUT DANGEROUS DRUGS BEFORE DANGEROUS DRUGS WIPE US OUT.

C. I SAID EARLIER THAT THIS HAS DISPLEASED THE NETWORK OF DRUG DEALERS AND BARONS, JAMAICANS AND FOREIGNERS, WHOSE VAST INCOMES HAVE BEEN THREATENED AND WHOSE ATTEMPTS HAVE NOW BEEN FRUSTRATED TO USE CORRUPTION TO GAIN POLITICAL INFLUENCE LEADING TO THE KIND OF TAKEOVER OF THE POLITICAL SYSTEM WHICH HAS HAPPENED TO NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES IN THE REGION. SOME OF THE PRINCIPALS IN THIS NETWORK ARE BEHIND BARS IN JAMAICA AND THE U.S., OR FACING TRIAL. OTHERS ARE ON THE RUN. STILL OTHERS ARE FIGHTING BACK USING THE ENORMOUS WEALTH AND INFLUENCE WHICH THEY ARE ABLE TO PURCHASE. AS THE LEADER OF A COUNTRY WHICH HAS TAKEN THE COURAGEOUS, AND AT FIRST UNPOPULAR DECISION TO WIPE OUT THE CULTIVATION AND TRAFFICKING OF DANGEROUS DRUGS, I AM ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE TO VICIOUS RETALIATION OF THIS NETWORK OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKERS.

D. JAMAICA, WITH THE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION OF THE TEAMS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS BACKED BY THE POLICIE OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORATE, WITH THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES, HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO BE SINGULARLY SUCCESSFUL IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING. AS THE LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT TAKING THIS STRONG STAND, I HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO THREATS ON MY LIFE BY DRUG BARONS, THE FIRST OF WHICH I REPORTED PUBLICLY 2-1/2 YEARS AGO. SINCE THEN THE THREATS HAVE GONE AS FAR AS TO INCLUDE THE KIDNAPPING OF MY LITTLE SON. THESE ARE ALL MATTERS OF RECORD, KNOWN TO THE SECURITY FORCES.  
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E. IT IS AT THIS POINT THAT I WISH TO DEAL WITH THE STATEMENT MADE RECENTLY BY A MICHAEL VOGEL, A CONVICTED DRUG DEALER. VOGEL WAS IN 1986 CONVICTED ON 12 DRUG-RELATED CHARGES WHICH INCLUDED CONSPIRACY, POSSESSION AND POSSESSION WITH INTENTION TO DISTRIBUTE MARIJUANA AND COCAINE AND OPERATING A CONTINUING CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE. HE WAS SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS. IN HIS TESTIMONY TO A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES, VOGEL SUGGESTED THAT I OWN PROPERTY IN CAYMAN AND FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT DRUG MONEY WAS SENT FROM JAMAICA WHICH HE STATES WAS TOLD TO HIM IN A BAR IN CAYMAN. IT IS, OF COURSE, A MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN THAT RUMOURS IN A BAR ARE GIVEN THE DIGNITY OF TESTIMONY IN A COMMITTEE ON THE U.S. SENATE. NONETHELESS, SINCE THE BAR RUMOUR HAS BEEN AIRED LET ME REPEAT AGAIN WHAT I

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HAVE SAID ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS THAT I OWN NO PROPERTY OR ASSETS IN CAYMAN. I HAVE ALREADY FULLY ESTABLISHED MY COMMITMENT TO JAMAICA'S FUTURE IN THE MOST CONVINCING MANNER BY INVESTING IN A PROJECT THAT IS WELL KNOWN TO ALL.

F. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT VOGEL IS AN ACCOMPLICE OF ONE LEIGH RICH. RICH WAS, AT THE REQUEST OF THE U.S. AUTHORITIES TAKEN OFF A PLANE BY THE JAMAICAN AUTHORITIES IN MONTEGO BAY IN 1986 AND HANDED OVER TO A U.S. MARSHALL WHO TOOK HIM INTO CUSTODY. RICH WAS LATER INDICTED AND CONVICTED. IN HIS TRIAL HE VEHEMENTLY PROTESTED THE ACTION OF THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT. HIS ACCOMPLICE, VOGEL, IS THE MAN WHO HAS NOW GIVEN HEARSAY TESTIMONY TO MALIGN THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT IN JAMAICA AND THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE. THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO THE SAME SMEAR TACTICS I HAVE BEEN, A DELIBERATE PLOY TO WEAKEN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE POLICE FORCE.

G. THE GOVERNMENT HAS REACTED PROMPTLY TO THESE DEVELOPMENTS BY ISSUING THROUGH THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, A STRONG PROTEST. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS RESPONDED BY ISSUING A STRONG DENUNCIATION OF VOGEL'S TESTIMONY AS "AT BEST HEARSAY" AND "COMPLETELY UNSUBSTANTIATED". THIS RESPONSE WAS ALREADY BROADCAST TONIGHT.

H. THE CLEAR MESSAGE FROM ALL OF THIS IS THAT WE ARE TO EXPECT RETALIATION WHICH SEEKS EITHER TO ATTACK OR INTIMIDATE OR MALIGN THOSE OF US WHO ARE IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE DANGEROUS DRUGS AND DRUG TRAFFICKING. I HAVE REPEATEDLY WARNED OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE POWERFUL DRUG BARONS WERE CAPABLE OF DAMAGING WHOLE GOVERNMENTS BY TAKING LIFE OR SMEARING REPUTATIONS IN THEIR CAMPAIGN TO TAKE SUCH CONTROL AS IS REQUIRED TO ALLOW THEIR ACTIVITIES TO CONTINUE UNHINDERED. WE HAVE SEEN THE POWER STRUGGLE GOING ON IN COLOMBIA AND THE FRIGHTENING SPECTACLE OF WHAT IS TRANSPILING THERE MUST NOT ESCAPE US. IF IN JAMAICA WE BECOME FEARFUL EITHER OF ATTACKS ON OUR LIVE OR REPUTATIONS, WE WILL FALL INTO THE SAME STATE OF WEAKNESS WHICH LEAVES THE OPENINGS NECESSARY FOR THE DRUG BARONS TO ESTABLISH THEIR POWER BASE.

I. WHILE THE STATEMENT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS WELCOMED, I DO NOT INTEND TO LEAVE ANY STONE UNTURNED. HENCE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED APPROVAL FOR ITS LAWYERS TO QUESTION VOGEL AS TO THE VERACITY OF HIS TESTIMONY.

J. THE COUNTRY CAN REST ASSURED THAT THE FIGHT AGAINST DANGEROUS DRUGS WILL CONTINUE UNDETERRED AS RELENTLESSLY AS EVER. INDEED, THE MORE SO NOW THAT THERE IS A NEED NOT ONLY TO FIGHT BUT TO FIGHT BACK. EITHER WE TAKE HOLD OF THE MENACE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS IN OUR SOCIETY OR IT WILL TAKE HOLD OF US. THE SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN IN JAMAICA WHICH IS IN THE FOREFRONT OF ALL SUCH CAMPAIGNS IN THIS REGION, WILL UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 03 KINGSTON 03643

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NOT SLIDE BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN IT WAS FOR DRUG  
DEALERS A HAVEN, BUT RATHER THAT THE SUCCESS OF OUR  
EFFORTS WILL GROW TO INSURE THAT IT BECOMES THEIR  
HELL.  
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