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SUBJECT: GRENADA; BISHOP COMMENTS ON U.S. VISIT, ANNOUNCES
VISIT OF SENATOR WEICKER

1. SUMMARY: GRENADA PM MAURICE BISHOP TOLD REPORTERS UPON HIS RETURN FROM THE U.S. ON JUNE 10 THAT HE WAS ABLE TO ACHIEVE ALL THE OBJECTIVES SET FOR THE TRIP, THE MOST NOTABLE OF WHICH WAS TO PRESENT A TRUE PICTURE OF WHAT THE REAL GRENADA WAS LIKE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSE PROPAGANDA. BISHOP ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A SMALL U.S. BUSINESS DELEGATION HEADED BY SENATOR LOWELL WEICKER (R-CONN) WOULD BE VISITING GRENADA IN THE COMING MONTHS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF INVESTING IN THE COUNTRY. END SUMMARY.
2. ACCORDING TO JUNE 11 (CANA) REPORT, BISHOP HAS DESCRIBED AS SUCCESSFUL HIS JUST-ENDED 11 DAY VISIT TO THE U.S. THE PM TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE WAS ABLE TO MEET ALL THE OBJECTIVES SET FOR THE TRIP AND THE GRENADA DELEGATION WAS ABLE TO GIVE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ACROSS THE UNITED STATES "A SOBER AND RESPONSIBLE IMAGE OF THE GRENADA REVOLUTION." HE ADDED "I THINK IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS, THROUGH MANY DIFFERENT MEDIA REPORTS, MEDIA BRIEFINGS AND PRESS CONFERENCES THAT WE WERE ABLE TO IN FACT ALSO GET ACROSS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE OF GRENADA REGARDED THEM AS THEIR FRIENDS AND WANTED TO OEE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLE CONTINUE."
3. THE PM ANNOUNCED THAT AS A RESULT OF HIS TRIP A SMALL U.S. BUSINESS DELEGATION HEADED BY SENATOR LOWELL WEICKER OF CONNECTICUT WOULD BE VISITING GRENADA IN THE COMING MONTHS TO LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITIES OF INVESTING IN THE COUNTRY, AS WELL AS COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF FISHERIES.
4. SENATOR WEICKER IS REPORTED IN THE JUNE 9 ISSUE OF THE BARBADOS ADVOCATE TO HAVE STATED THE UNITED STATES SHOULD HELP GRENADA DEVELOP ITS TOURISM AND FISHING INDUSTRIES. WEICKER IS ALSO QUOTED TO HAVE SAID "AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, THE POLITICS OF GRENADA IS THE BUSINESS OF GRENADA," AND "WORKING ON PROJECTS OF A COMMON INTEREST SURE BEATS NAME-CALLING."
5. NO COMMENT. BISH

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