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1. ADAMS CALLED AT MIDNIGHT LOCAL TIME TO ASK ABOUT THE LIKELY RESPONSE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF GRENADA (ONCE HIS PERSON HAD BEEN SECURED) TO A REQUEST FROM THE OECS THAT HE SHOULD SUMMON A PROVISIONAL COUNCIL. I SAID THAT FROM WHAT MONTGOMERY HAD TOLD ME OF THEIR CONVERSATION THIS MORNING I HAD LITTLE DOUBT THAT SIR PAUL WOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY. ADAMS SAID THIS WOULD BE REASSURING NEWS TO SEAGA AS WELL AS HIMSELF.
2. ADAMS ASKED WHETHER THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED YET HOW TO RESPOND TO THE OECS INITIATIVE (MY TELNO 329). I ASKED WHETHER IT WAS NOW FORMALISED. ADAMS SAID I COULD HAVE THE TEXT FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING, MONDAY. HE EMPHASISED THAT A BRITISH CONTRIBUTION TO THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE WOULD BE OF THE GREATEST VALUE. HE HAD PARTICULARLY IN MIND AN SAS OPERATION TO ENSURE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SAFETY. I SAID I WAS SURE THIS WOULD BE ONE OF THE OPTIONS BEING CONSIDERED. ADAMS MENTIONED ALSO HIS WISH TO SEE ALL GRENADIAN TROOPS DISARMED, THEIR ARMS DUMPED IN THE SEA, AND THEIR DUTIES REALLOTTED TO AN EXPANDED (IF NECESSARY) POLICE FORCE. HERE TOO BRITISH HELP MIGHT BE NEEDED.

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