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TELEGRAM NUMBER 242120Z OF 24 OCTOBER 83
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GRENADA: FROM COL BEAUMONT IN BRIDGETOWN FOR COSSEC
REF: CONNECT MY U2A OF 241400Z OCT (NOTAL)

1. DURING THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH COL BARNES (ASST CHIEF OF STAFF, JAMAICA DEFENCE FORCE) ON FLIGHT 419 YESTERDAY, WE AGREED TO MAINTAIN CONSULTATION SHOULD EACH THINK FIT. HEARING OF CLAND- STINE BRIEFINGS AT BARBADOS DEFENCE FORCE (BDF) HQS I SOUGHT AN INTERVIEW WITH BARNES, THE DETAIL OF WHICH FOLLOWS:
2. THE BRIEFING WAS GIVEN JOINTLY BY COL RUDYARD LEWIS (COMND BDF) AND MAJOR GENERAL CRIST, A US MARINE GENERAL (HE THOUGHT WORKING DIRECT TO/FROM US CHIEFS OF STAFF.
3. THE PLAN WAS BROAD IN THAT THE ACTION WAS TO BE IN THREE PHASES:
 - (A) PHASE ONE (UNDERLINED). A MASSIVE HELIBORNE ASSAULT ON THE KEY POINTS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
 - (I) FORT RUPERT.
 - (II) RADIO STATION.
 - (III) RUSSIAN EMBASSY (ALONGSIDE 3A(II)).
 - (IV) CUBAN EMBASSY.
 - (V) PEARLS AIRPORT.
 - (VI) POINT SALINES AIRPORT.
 - (VII) GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, INCLUDING GOVERNOR GENERAL'S RESID- ENCE.
 - (VIII) CALIVIGNY MILITARY COMPLEX.
 - (B) PHASE 2 (UNDERLINED). TRANSPORTATION OF A MIXED FORCE FROM BARBADOS AIRPORT BY US AIRCRAFT TO PEARLS AIRPORT AND THEREAFTER TRANSSHIPPED BY HELI TO TAKE OVER KEY POINTS FROM US. THE 'CARICOM' FORCE OF 300 TO CONSIST OF:
 - A. 150 JAMAICAN SOLDIERS
 - B. 50 BARRADIAN SOLDIERS

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'CARICOM' FORCE OF 300 TO CONSIST OF:

- A. 150 JAMAICAN SOLDIERS
- B. 50 BARBADIAN SOLDIERS
- C. 100 RSS SOLDIERS.

(C) PHASE 3. (UNDERLINED) DEPARTURE OF THE US INTERVENTION FORCE,
THE MAINTENANCE OF STABILITY BY THE 'CARICOM' FORCE FOR AN APPROP-
RIATE PERIOD UNTIL ELECTIONS COULD BE ORGANISED.

4. GENERAL POINTS DISCUSSED DURING THE COURSE OF MY HALF-HOUR
INTERVIEW WERE:

(A) TIMINGS (UNDERLINED) DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE 'CARICOM'
FORCE WAS NOT FULLY ASSEMBLED IN BARBADOS (BUT EXPECTED TO BE SO
BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT), THE OPERATION SO TIMED TO COMMENCE ANYTIME
FROM FIRST LIGHT TOMORROW 25 OCTOBER.

(B) DURATION (UNDERLINED) THE ESTIMATE BY CRIST WAS THAT THE
OPERATION WOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN 24 HOURS BUT MAY TAKE 48 HOURS.
WHATEVER THE CASE, US FORCES WOULD STAY NO LONGER THAN 30 DAYS.
BARNES CONSIDERED SIX MONTHS AS A REASONABLE PERIOD FOR PHASE 3
TO BE COMPLETED.

(C) GOVERNOR GENERAL (GG) (UNDERLINED). I ENQUIRED WHAT PART THE
GG HAD TO PLAY IN THE EVOLUTION OF AFFAIRS AFTER THE LANDINGS.
US MILITARY PLANNERS HAD DECIDED, ON INFORMATION FROM THOSE THAT
KNEW GG AND HIS STATUS WITH THE PEOPLE, THAT HE WAS NOT RESPECTED.
HIS GAIRY CONNECTIONS, HIS EMASCULATION DURING THE BISHOP ERA ALL
LED TO HIS BEING KEPT WELL APART FROM ANY CRITICAL ROLE - THEY
ACCEPTED HIS CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION. PLANNERS HAD DECIDED THAT
A 'MEMBER' OF THE INTERVENTION FORCE WOULD 'CALL THE CITIZENS TO
ORDER'.

(D) LOGISTICS (UNDERLINED). I ASKED BARNES HOW THE CARICOM FORCE
WOULD BE RESUPPLIED/FINANCED DURING THE COURSE OF A PROTRACTED
STAY. HE RAISED HIS ARMS AND SUGGESTED THE 'MANNA' WOULD COME
FROM THE US - CERTAINLY HE SAID 'THEY' COULD NOT AFFORD IT.

(E) COMND AND CONTROL (UNDERLINED). THE OPERATION WOULD BE COMMANDED
INITIALLY BY THE US TASK FORCE COMMAND WITH COL LEWIS ABOARD SHIP.
AFTER HANDOVER OF KEY POINTS TO CARICOM FORCE LEWIS WOULD ASSUME
COMMAND OF LAND FORCES. INTENTIONS THEREAFTER WERE VAGUE.

5. BARNES PROMISED TO CONTACT ME AT MY HOTEL IF HE HAD ANY
ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF MOMENT. HE ASKED ME TO PROTECT THE SOURCE.
PLEASE DO SO.

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they are behind us

Antirion

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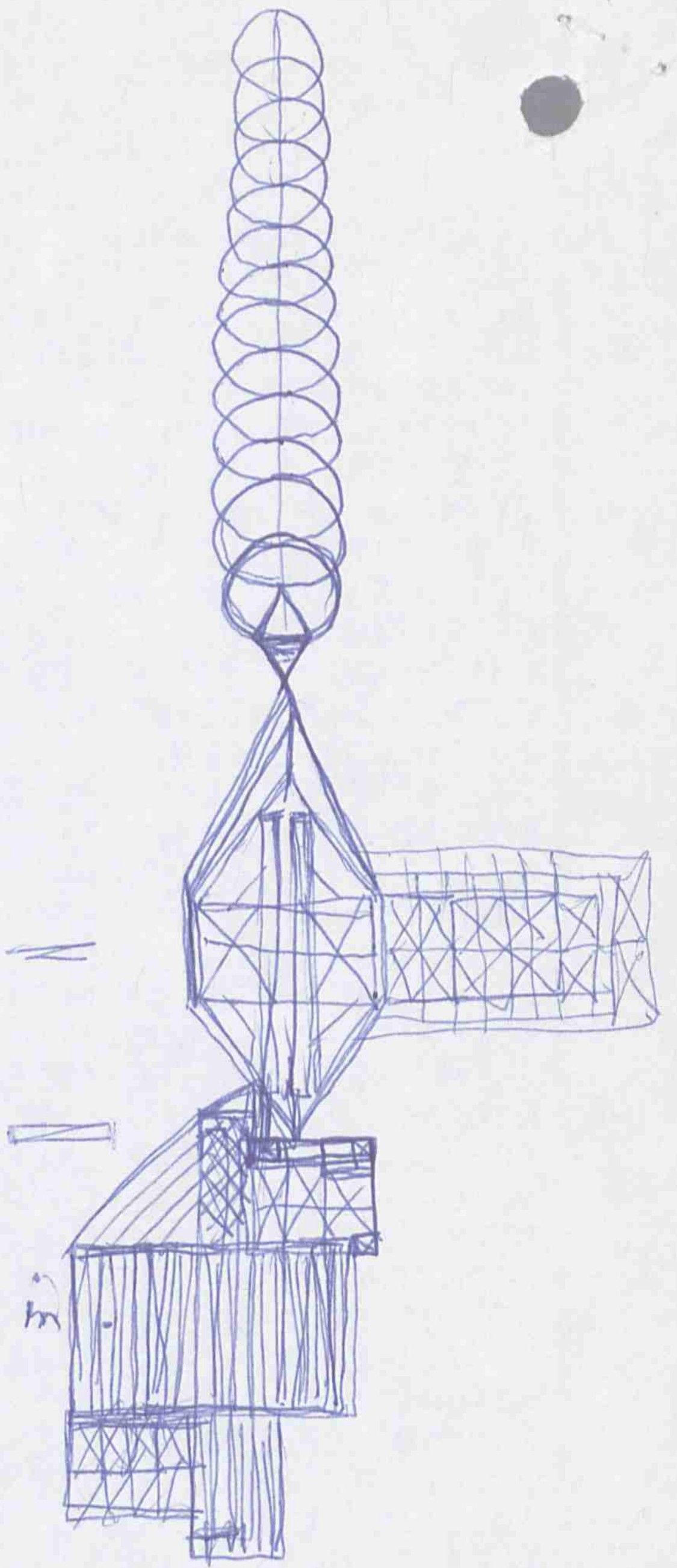
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do nothing - where? close in

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where is she?

12 men
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request safety of Br citizens.

(1) Do we know what they are going to do

a) Antirion

b) P.R.


Public Reaction

