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Caroline. This arrived
this afternoon. I put
the original in the MP's
Box for the wife.

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Dear Caroline,

Here are some brief thoughts
for the Prime Minister.

Yrs ever
Hugh Thomas

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Prime Minister

Don't you think that one part of our national revival might be a deliberate and concerted effort to revive the purity of our language? A war on jargon, Americanisms, Germanisms, & concepts deriving from psychology? You feel so strongly about getting the right word in yr. speeches. Cd. you not try & inspire yr. colleagues to insist that their civil servants expunge ugliness & pomposity?

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Argentina

- wd. it not be helpful, in the long run, to make a well-publicised statement expressing satisfaction at the successful election in Argentina? The inauguration of Alfonsín wd. be a good moment.

Grenada

- wd. it perhaps be possible to persuade yr. fellow Heads of Govt.: (a) to question whether any Marxist Leninist state shd. be permitted to remain part of the Commonwealth? (b) to admit that, just as Communists are fond of saying that there are many ways to Socialism, there are many routes to Democracy.

Belize

Any statement that we are willing to keep British troops there indefinitely wd, in my view, do a very great deal to soothe Anglo-American relations if they need such. (Dr. Fred Iklé told me in Washington that the U.S. wd. pay if it were necessary, but I expect you are aware of that)

Nicaragua

I think we shd. prepare ourselves for the likelihood,

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not just the possibility, that the U.S. will act against the Sandinista govt., unless they receive cast-iron undertakings that the aid to guerrillas in El Salvador & Guatemala will come to an end.

- The U.S., despite ^{their} private enterprise's mastery of public relations, will almost certainly neglect the propaganda side of ~~the~~ any such initiative, especially in Europe, as they did over Grenada.

Washington

- I am going there on Nov. 27 & will see a lot of people, I expect, since I am chairman of a Georgetown University project, on Cuba. I shall let you have a note before our meeting on Dec. 9.

Eisenhower

I attach a photocopy of an extract from Ike's diaries (on interesting book), which may interest you. He was then (1947) chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

Hugh Thomas
November 18, 1983