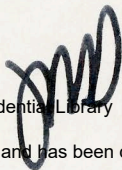


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WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am pleased to inform you that as Grenada obtains its independence, the United States Government is extending recognition. It is our hope, with your agreement, that diplomatic relations can be established between our countries.

Historically, there have been long and cordial relations between our two peoples. These ties have been developed by reason of the proximity of our lands, long trading relationships, cultural exchanges, as well as the mutual concern our people share for human dignity, economic well being and political freedom.

I am confident that the friendship and cooperation between our two peoples will be further strengthened in the coming years.

Sincerely,

His Excellency  
Eric Gairy  
Prime Minister of Grenada  
St. George's

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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February 4, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER  
SUBJECT: Diplomatic Relations with Grenada

Grenada, a British dependency in the Caribbean, will become an independent member of the British Commonwealth on February 7, 1974, and is expected to apply for membership in the United Nations and possibly in the Organization of American States. Both the British and the Canadian Governments will accredit non-resident High Commissioners to the new government.

In the memorandum at Tab B, Deputy Secretary of State Rush recommends that you approve US recognition of the Government of Grenada immediately upon its achievement of independence. It is expected that the US Ambassador resident in Barbados will represent US interests on the island. In view of the number of US tourists and residents in Grenada, its location in the Caribbean, and the desirability of maintaining cordial relations with Grenada, I think the extension of prompt recognition is advisable.

Attached for your signature at Tab A, is a letter to Prime Minister Eric Gairy of Grenada informing him of the extension of recognition. It will be presented to the Prime Minister by our representative to the independence celebrations. The letter has been coordinated with Dave Gergen.

## RECOMMENDATION:

1. That you approve US recognition of the Government of Grenada immediately upon the achievement of independence on February 7, 1974.

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2. That you sign the letter to Prime Minister Gairy at Tab A.

## Attachments:

Tab A - Letter to Gairy

Tab B - Memo from Rush

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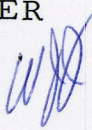
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February 4, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY KISSINGER  
FROM: WILLIAM J. JORDEN   
SUBJECT: Diplomatic Relations with the Government of  
Grenada

Attached for your signature at Tab I is a memorandum for the President recommending that he approve extension of recognition to the Government of Grenada immediately upon achievement of independence February 7, 1974, and attaching a letter for his signature so informing Grenadian Prime Minister Eric Gairy. In order for this letter to arrive in time to be presented by our representative to the independence celebrations, it must be dispatched this afternoon. Therefore, I recommend that you approve on behalf of the President and arrange for signature of the letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That extension of recognition of Grenada immediately upon achieving independence be approved and that you forward the letter for signature.

Attachment:

Tab I - Memo to the President

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in the coming years. ~~We fully share your aspirations  
for the progress and welfare of the Grenadian people,  
and we look forward to working with our Grenadian  
neighbors to secure peace and prosperity for all man-  
kind.~~

Richard Nixon

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February 4, 1974

TO: DAVE GERGEN

FROM: WILLIAM J. JORDEN

SUBJECT: Letter to Prime Minister of  
Grenada

Attached for your clearance is a suggested letter from the President to Prime Minister Gairy of Grenada informing the Prime Minister of our recognition of his government and our hope to establish diplomatic relations soon.

Please return to my office for further handling.

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Room 380  
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TO: Mr. Kissinger

For Your Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert D. Linder

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February 4, 1974

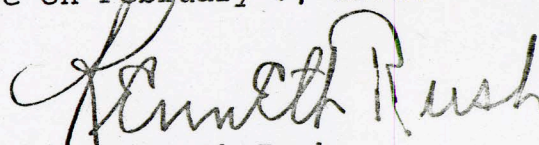
## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Diplomatic Relations With Grenada

The Associated State of Grenada, a British dependency in the Caribbean, is to become an independent member of the British Commonwealth on February 7, 1974. Both Her Majesty's Government and the Canadian Government have advised us that they will be accrediting non-resident High Commissioners to the new government. It seems likely that Grenada will apply for full membership in the United Nations, and possibly for membership in the Organization of American States.

Because of the proximity of Grenada, the number of American tourists and residents there, and the desirability of cordial relations, prompt diplomatic recognition of the newly independent government is highly advisable.

In view of these considerations, I recommend that you approve United States recognition of the Government of Grenada immediately upon the achievement of independence on February 7, 1974.



Kenneth Rush

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