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TAGS: PINT, GJ, TD, CU
SUBJECT: THE WEEKLY "BOMB" CHARGES CUBAN MILITARY
PARTICIPATION IN GRENADA COUP

1. THE WIDELY-READ WEEKLY TABLOID, "THE BOMB," OF 3/23
CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE STORY BY STAFF WRITER IAN GOODING
CLAIMING THAT TEN CUBAN SOLDIERS HELPED MAURICE BISHOP
CARRY OUT HIS COUP AGAINST ERIC GAIRY'S REGIME IN GRENADA.
HIGHLY SENSATIONALIST AND CONTROVERSIAL, "THE BOMB"
SOMETIMES TWISTS OR DISTORTS ITS STORIES BUT IS NOT KNOWN
TO MANUFACTURE THEM.

2. ACCORDING TO GOODING, WHO RECENTLY HAS BEEN IN GRENADA,
TEN HEAVILY-ARMED CUBAN GUERRILLAS WERE LANDED SECRETLY ON
A REMOTE GRENADIAN BEACH ON 3/13 A FEW HOURS BEFORE THE
NJM ATTACK ON THE ARMY BARRACKS TOOK PLACE. FROM THERE
THE CUBANS SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS AND, ALONG WITH ABOUT
TWENTY TEENAGE BOYS, ATTACKED THE BARRACKS AND RADIO
STATION. WITHIN FOUR HOURS THE COUP HAD SUCCEEDED AND THE
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CUBANS PROMPTLY RETURNED TO CUBA BY PLANE.

3. IN THE SAME ARTICLE GOODING ALSO CLAIMS THAT FORBES
BURNHAM PAID A SECRET VISIT TO GRENADA ON 3/16 BUT GIVES

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