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Letter dated 26 October 1983 from the Permanent Representative
of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a TASS statement of
26 October 1983.

I request that you arrange for the text of this statement to be circulated as
an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 66, and of the
Security Council.

(Signed) O. TROYANOVSKY

ANNEX

TASS statement

On 25 October an armed intervention was perpetrated against the sovereign independent State of Grenada. With the support of United States warships, United States Marines landed on the island. The invasion was undertaken under the false pretext of ensuring the safety of American citizens in Grenada, although it is well known - and this was expressly stated by the Grenadian authorities - that they were in no danger. At the same time, Washington alleges that its actions were dictated by a concern for "human rights".

What could be more cynical and hypocritical than statements such as these when, under the pretext of concern for "human rights", an attempt is being made to drown in blood the right of an entire people to a free and sovereign existence! What is really at issue is a direct armed aggression against the peace-loving people of a small country which is no threat whatever to anyone. The object is to overthrow the existing social order there and to attempt, by the use of force, to impose on the Grenadian people an order acceptable to Washington and to intimidate other freedom-loving peoples of Latin America, and not only them.

By its actions against Grenada the Government of the United States is showing its utter contempt for the generally accepted rules of international law and is trampling the lofty principles of the Charter of the United Nations in the dust. This is direct proof of the fact that Washington, in the interest of achieving its aggressive aims, does not intend to consider the right of peoples to an independent development and is throwing down an insolent challenge to the will of the peoples and to world public opinion.

The brutal attack on Grenada all too clearly shows the danger which the policy pursued in international affairs by the present United States Administration poses to the cause of peace and freedom of peoples.

TASS is authorized to state that the Soviet Union resolutely condemns the United States aggression against Grenada and brands it as a crime against peace and humanity. It is the duty of all States and peoples to speak out firmly against the arbitrariness and lawlessness engendered by Washington and in defence of the Grenadian people.

The aggression against the people of Grenada must be stopped, and the occupiers must be immediately removed from the confines of that independent State.
