



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. William Broyles, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Broyles:

I ^{am} sorry your mailgram was delayed in reaching me and that I have not been able to reply sooner. ↗

However, as events have unfolded in Grenada, I believe we were able to resolve most of your concerns.

Our initial media pool arrangements were designed to provide the maximum coverage of the operation to the widest possible audience. Although pools are never satisfactory to everyone, tactical considerations required limits on the number of journalists we could accommodate. In the ensuing days of the operation, these restrictions were lifted as quickly as possible. Overall, we moved over 600 individuals representing over 150 publications and electronic media to Grenada on our aircraft. ↕

Additionally, in being sensitive to your needs, we were able to offer Newsweek an extensive background interview on October 29 with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and his on-scene representative. This Saturday session was conducted exclusively to meet the special requirements of the national news magazines.

There was no censorship of media-generated materials during this operation. Our laws don't ^{not} permit it, and we don't ^{not} desire it.

Our rescue mission depended upon secrecy and surprise. Advance notice to newsmen on an embargo basis could have risked student and military lives. It was a risk we were unwilling to take.

Sincerely,

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