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Your Excellency,

I wish to begin by thanking you personally and the Organization of American States (OAS), which you lead with distinction, for the continued support to the Government and People of Grenada.

It is my pleasure to write to you to inform you that the Parliament will be dissolved on Wednesday, 22nd October, 2003, in accordance with the Constitution of Grenada, and that General Election will be held on November 27th, 2003.

Excellency, you will recall that in January 1999 the OAS, on the invitation of my Government, monitored the General Election and certified the results of the entire process. In keeping with that initiative and the goal of my Government for open and transparent elections, I am writing to request that the OAS send an Observation Mission to Grenada with the mandate to monitor and certify the General Election.

I have followed your personal involvement in ensuring that democracy is maintained throughout the Hemisphere and wish to applaud you for your hard work and commitment to the Region. Given the importance my Government is placing on assuring our people that the Elections are free and fair, I will be much obliged if you can personally be part of the Mission.

The 1999 Mission was led by the Assistant Secretary General of the OAS Ambassador Christopher Thomas, with the support of Ambassador Joseph Edmunds as Chief of Mission.

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I am of the view that all political parties in the country will welcome the participation of an Observation Mission which is staffed by individuals familiar with the Caribbean political environment and with a leadership at the highest level.

I wish to use this opportunity to again thank the Organization of American States for its continued support and I look forward to a favourable consideration of my request.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,


Keith C. Mitchell
PRIME MINISTER