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This is Lionel Martin in Havana: The Cuban government has broken its silence of over a week to make its position known in events in the Caribbean island of Grenada and the death of its former prime minister, Maurice Bishop. ^{and 3 gov't ministers} ~~It has announced~~ ^{de June 3 days 7} ~~official mourning for the former prime minister~~
I have two separate spots. one about 50 seconds in length and the other two minutes for the world at six Friday evening. I'll begin

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Until now, the Cuban government has maintained hermetic silence about events in Grenada. It has been known here in Havana that Fidel Castro has been deeply concerned about what was happening on the sister, revolutionary Caribbean island. Cuba ~~is fully~~ ^{is fully} ~~supportive~~ built an airport on the island and has technicians, teachers and doctors there. Also, ~~Maurice Bishop~~ ^{XXXXXX} ~~was a close personal friend of Fidel Castro and for Cubans Bishop symbolised the~~ ~~the~~ ^{Maurice Bishop} ~~the~~ ^{the} revolution in Grenada

~~Now the Cuban government has made its first official statement on what happened in Grenada~~

Cuba's first official statement on events in ^{Grenada} ~~Havana~~ make it clear that Fidel Castro is ~~not at all happy~~ ^{ANGRY} about how things were handled in Grenada. The statement ~~also casts some doubts about the~~ ^{between} ~~future of relations of~~ ^{ON} Cuba and the new leaders of Grenada.

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The Cuban statement declared that Cuba maintained a strictly hands off policy as events were developing. Fidel Castro did send a message however, expressing his hope that differences would be solved with serenity and generosity.

The statement says Cuba is disposed to continue aiding the people of Grenada but that its relations with the new leaders will have to undergo a profound analysis. The Cuban government says that the ~~the~~ ~~revolution in Grenada has lost prestige and that the~~ ~~situation is complex. It says only a miracle of common sense, equanimity~~ ~~and wisdom on the part of revolutionaries in Grenada can save the~~ ~~revolutionary process there. For CBC News this is IM in Havana~~ ~~Chas~~

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