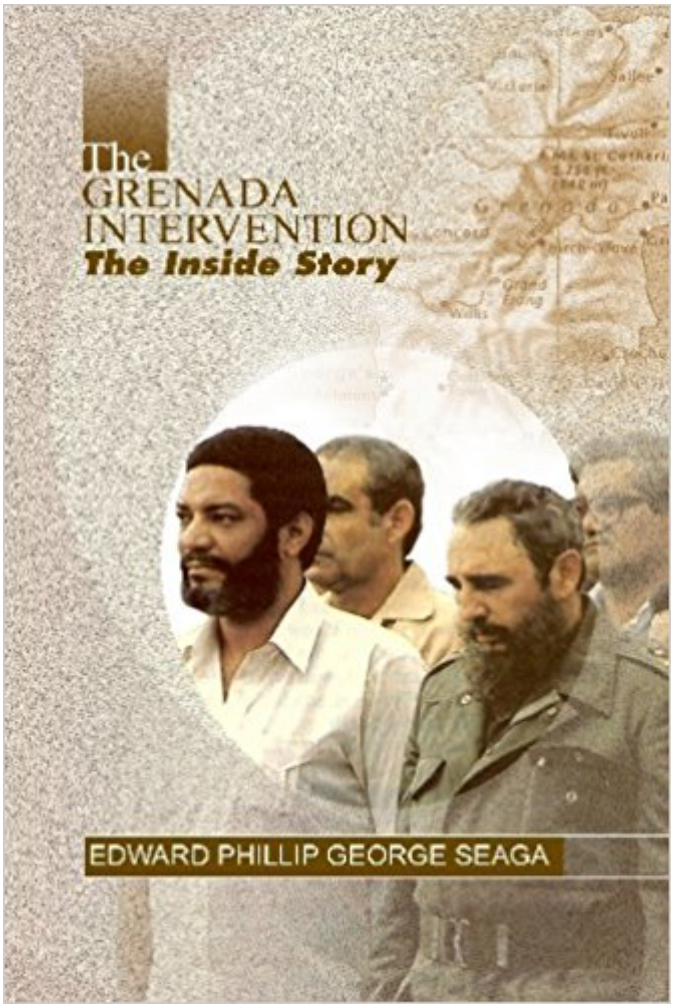
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The Most Honourable Edward Seaga former Prime Minister of Jamaica, 1980 - 89, is a venerable parliamentarian. He was a member of the Jamaican parliament for 45 unbroken years, 43 of which were in the elected House of Representatives, the longest period of service ever by anyone in the region. He was one of the founding fathers of the Jamaica Constitution and initiated comprehensive constitutional reforms in the 1990s, including sweeping changes in human rights which led to a re-draft creating a Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms. It was this commitment to constitutional democracy and the market system economy which led him to commit himself and his country in 1983 to the overturn of the Marxist regime in Grenada. This was a definitive victory in reversing the advance of socialism in the region. The Harvard trained former Prime Minister has received many distinguished honours and awards, both international and local, which include conferment of national honours of the governments of Germany, Mexico, South Korea and Venezuela. Five universities have awarded him honorary doctorates. Since his retirement from political life in 2005, he has been appointed Pro-Chancellor of the University of Technology, Distinguished Fellow of The University of the West Indies and Fellow of the venerable Institute of

Jamaica. Mr. Seaga is now involved in completing his biography and other books. He is acknowledged as a man ahead of his time for his holistic understanding of the dynamics of development in underdeveloped societies.

Before purchasing this book I anticipated that it would have detailed more of the events leading up to the actual intervention but this was not the case. Despite this, however, the author gave a very good synopsis of these issues. Whilst it is diffult to justify the intervention, taking into account the requirements to be satisfied in international law before invading or intervening (in) a soverign state, the author presented a very good case of the end justifying the means, especially when one becomes aware of the mass of weaponry and ammunition accumulated and of the Cubans soldiers (who effectively put up the resistance to the intervention)disguised as ordinary workers. I feel though, that there are some gaps in the the facts e.g. at one point it was claimed that because of the difficulties of communication that existed it was virtually impossible for the governor general to issue a letter inviting external assistance to restore democracy, however, it later transpired that such a letter was issued by the said governor general without any explanation of how this became possible. All in all the book is a good read and I recommend that one reads it regardless to which side of the debate one stands.

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