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PRIME MINISTER REITERATES CALL FOR INCREASED RESEARCH BY MEDIA

ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA; FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2010 – Prime Minister Tillman Thomas has maintained his call for Grenadian media practitioners to “dig deeper” into their subjects in order to provide “truthful” information to the public.

The Prime Minister, a staunch supporter of a “free media” first made the call during a training session for local journalists two weeks ago, but has recently reiterated his position in defending the role of responsible Grenadian journalism.

Mr. Thomas noted that while his recent comments, regarding attempts to tarnish the image of the office of the Prime Minister were designed to provide clarification on certain areas of his responsibility, there was no attempt to either intimidate or suppress freedom of expression.

“The record will show that my respect for and encouragement of a free and unencumbered media is unquestionably clear,” the Prime Minister said, noting that his government is laying the platform for landmark legislation that will provide a better working environment for responsible journalists.

He said journalists must determine whether statements that suggests that there was a 48 hour window when Grenada’s democracy was “effectively hijacked” is either factual or truthful, before providing the statement as fact to an unsuspecting public.

He added that those who wish to better assist the public in understanding the critical issues of governance must also commit themselves to accuracy, fairness and balanced reporting.

“While balance and fairness are important attributes to the practice of journalism, only truth will stand the test of time. Journalism, as a pillar in the defense of democracy, must be used to help citizens make informed decisions,” the Prime Minister said.

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