



North American Numbering Plan Planning Letter

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Subject: NANP - Introduction of New 284 (British Virgin Islands) Numbering Plan Area (NPA)

At the request of its government, the British Virgin Islands has been assigned a new NPA code: 284. The British Virgin Islands will use the existing NXXs and customer line numbers in the new 284 NPA, i.e., the 284 NPA will replace the 809 NPA for all current telephone numbers. The British Virgin Islands will depart from the 809 NPA when the 284 NPA is implemented as described below. The 809 NPA will continue to serve the needs of the Caribbean countries remaining in the 809 NPA. The Government of the British Virgin Islands, through the Ministry of Communications and Works, will administer the 284 NPA, together with the NXX codes within the 284 NPA.

The introduction of the new 284 NPA, and the beginning of a permissive dialing period, will take place at 12:01 AM Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Wednesday, October 1, 1997. The permissive dialing period will end at 11:59 PM EST on Wednesday, September 30, 1998. During the permissive dialing period either 809 or 284 will be acceptable in a dialed number terminating in the new 284 NPA. After the permissive dialing period, calls dialed to the British Virgin Islands NXXs with the 809 NPA will be routed to intercept.

Beginning on October 1, 1997 (i.e., the start of the permissive dialing period) all *new* NXXs activated in the British Virgin Islands will be assigned in the new 284 NPA code only. These new NXXs may be duplicates of NXXs already assigned in the 809 NPA, and calls directed to these new NXXs in the British Virgin Islands must be dialed with the new 284 NPA code to avoid being routed to another destination in the Caribbean.

All international and domestic carriers are asked to ensure that the new 284 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to October 1, 1997. Beginning on October 1, 1998, all carriers will be requested to implement code screening to block calls destined to the British Virgin Islands with the 809 NPA. Test calls to verify routing to the new 284 NPA can be made by dialing 284-493-4800. The test number will be operational from within the 284 NPA on April 1, 1997. It is not expected the test number can be reached from outside the 284 NPA until shortly before the beginning of permissive dialing. Calls successfully completed to the test number will receive a recorded announcement. The test number will be disconnected on October 1, 1998.

Attached are maps of the British Virgin Islands and the area of the Caribbean covered by the new 284 NPA. The current NXXs that will be moving to the 284 NPA are listed on the British Virgin Islands map.

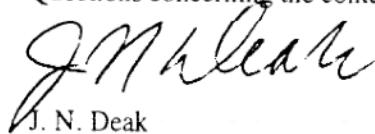
The dialing plan for the new 284 NPA will remain the same, namely:

- All home NPA (HNPA) local calls will be dialed on a 7-digit basis with no prefix, i.e., NXX-XXXX (7 digits).
- All Foreign NPA (FNPA) direct dialed calls to other destinations in the NANP area will be dialed with a prefix "1" and 10 digits, i.e., 1 + FNPA + NXX + XXXX (1 + 10 digits).
- Direct dialed calls to destinations outside of the NANP area will be prefixed with the digits "011" followed by the country code (CC) and the national number (NN), i.e., 011 + CC + NN.
- All operator assisted calls within the NANP area, including credit card, collect, and third party calls, will be dialed with a "0" prefix followed by 10 digits, i.e., 0 + NPA + NXX + XXXX (0 + 10 digits).
- Operator assisted calls to destinations outside of the NANP area will be prefixed with the digits "01" followed by the country code and the national number, i.e., 01 + CC + NN.

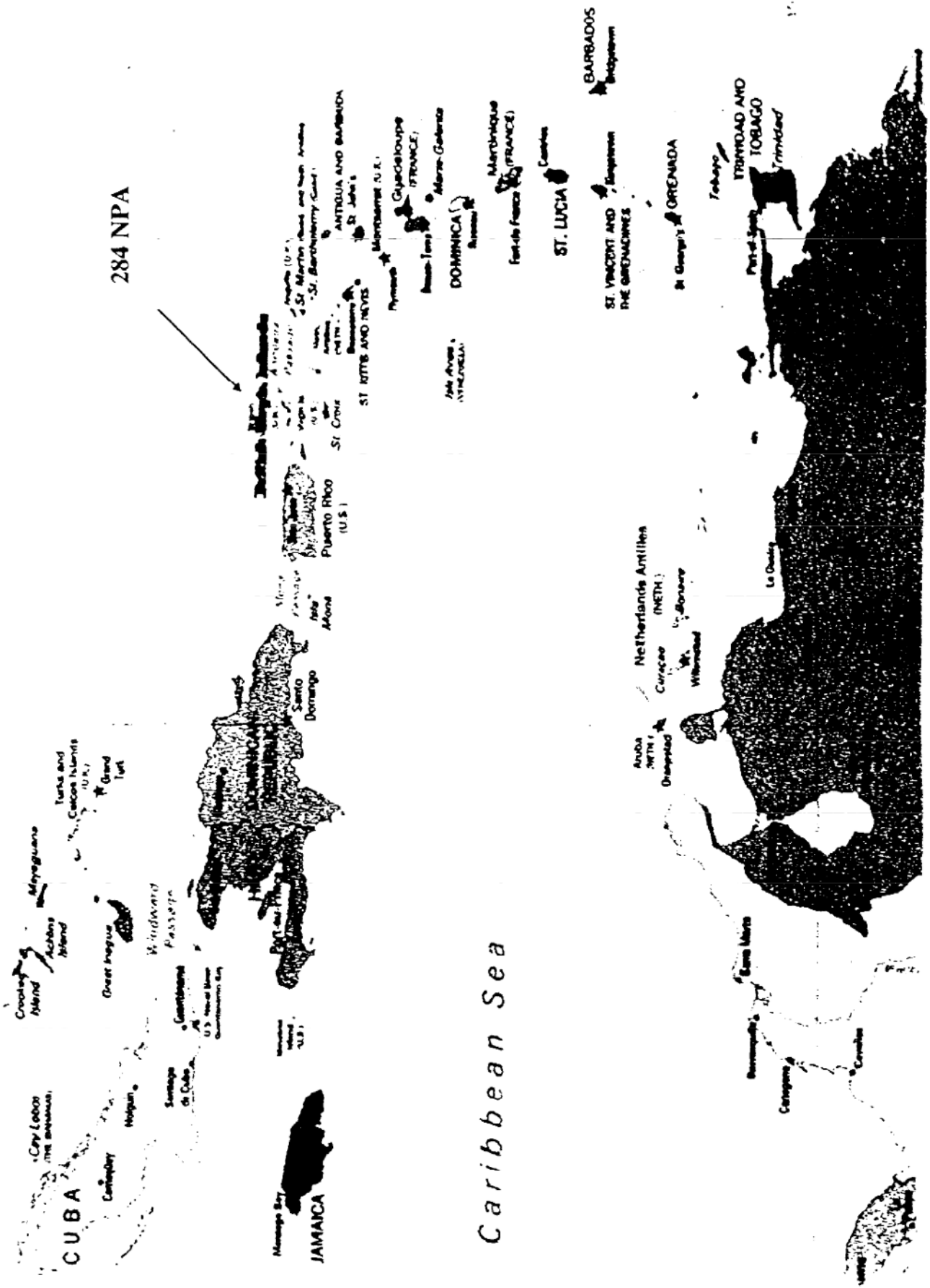
Operational questions concerning the implementation of the 284 NPA and calls to report trouble placing calls to the test number may be referred to Cable & Wireless Operations Department: Cecil Lettsome at 809-494-3025, or Haimraj Yamraj at 809-494-4444, extension 8021.

Administrative problems may be reported to the Ministry of Communications and Works: Donald Lettsome, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Works, at 809-494-3701, extension 2110.

Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Jim Deak, Bellcore, at 908-699-6612.



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284 NPA

Caribbean Sea



**CENTRAL OFFICE CODES IN THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS
MOVING TO THE NEW 284 NPA**

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