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11. Telcon	Re: Telephone Conversation with Leonid Kravchuk, President of Ukraine (3 pp.)	2/27/92	(b)(1)	S
12. Telcon	Re: Memorandum of Telephone Conversation (2 pp.)	3/3/92	(b)(1)	S
13. Telcon	Re: Telcon with John Major of the United Kingdom (4 pp.)	3/6/92	(b)(1)	C
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20. Telcon	Re: Telcon with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia on March 19, 1992 (4 pp.)	3/19/92	(b)(1)	S
21. Telcon	Re: Telcon with President Levon Ter-Petrosian of Armenia (2 pp.)	3/21/92	(b) (1)	S
22. Telcon	Re: Telcon with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia (3 pp.)	3/23/92	(b) (1)	S
23. Telcon	Re: Telcon with Fernando Collor of Brazil on March 25, 1992 (3 pp.)	3/25/92	(b) (1)	C
24. Telcon	Re: Telcon with John Major, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (2 pp.)	3/29/92	(b) (1)	C
25. Telcon	Re: Telcon with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia (3 pp.)	4/1/92	(b) (1)	S
26. Telcon	Re: Telcon with President Leonid Kravchuk of Ukraine (2 pp.)	4/1/92	(b) (1)	S
27. Telcon	Re: Telcon with President Havel of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (3 pp.)	4/3/92	(b) (1)	C
28. Telcon	Re: Memorandum of Telephone Conversation (2 pp.)	4/7/92	(b)(1)	S

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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January 17, 1992

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

FROM: ROBERT B. MORLEY *RM*
SUBJECT: Telcon with Carlos Saul Menem, President of
Argentina on January 16, 1992

Attached at Tab A is the Memorandum of Telephone Conversation between the President and President Carlos Menem of Argentina on January 16, 1992. At Tab I is a transmittal memorandum to the State Department forwarding the telcon to Assistant Secretary Aronson and Ambassador Todman.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I transmitting the Memorandum of Telephone Conversation at Tab A.

That the attached Memorandum of Telephone Conversation be filed for the record.

Approve *JN* Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Sittmann Memo to Pearson
Tab A Memorandum of Telephone Conversation

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Carlos Saul Menem of Argentina on January 16, 1992 (Ø)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Carlos Saul Menem of Argentina
Interpreter: Stephanie Van Reigersberg
Notetakers: Robert B. Morley/James Waurishuk

DATE, TIME January 16, 1992, 4:08 - 4:14pm EST
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Carlos, como esta? (U)

President Menem: I'm fine. (U)

The President: What is going on? Is there a problem? (U)

President Menem: I called because I was worried about your health. I wanted to talk to you to be sure everything was all right. I saw the pictures of you getting sick. Barbara was magnificent. She handled the situation beautifully. (U)

The President: When I throw up, I do it in a spectacular way, you have to admit. I do it with flair. (U)

President Menem: It certainly was a sight. I hope it doesn't happen again. You scared us to death. (Ø)

The President: Let me say a serious word about that. Because of the dramatic way it hit me, it got the attention of the whole world, but it was strictly the 24 hour flu. When that time was over, and even sooner, I picked up my schedule. I went to a State Dinner given by the Emperor. I didn't feel like eating very much, but I felt strong and steady. Since then, I have had a series of tests, including the EKG, blood tests, blood pressure, and so on, and they all turned out fine. I am a very, very lucky guy. (Ø)

President Menem: This is wonderful news. We have to continue to travel down the same path together for the sake of the region, and I know that you will continue with the same courage and resolve you have shown until now. You know I will do anything you ask, just let me know how I can help. Let me know what attitude you would like me to assume. (Ø)

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The President: Thanks. That is very generous of you. I agree we are on the same path. We have economic problems up here we have to deal with. But don't worry, I am not going to deviate from the path. I am going to stay with the EAI and free trade. I'll tell Barbara about your kind words, but please don't worry, I am fine. I'm feeling good. (U)

President Menem: Thanks so much. An abbraccio for you, a kiss for Barbara, and a huge one for the grandchildren. Don't forget, if there is anything I can do, I will do it. You have only to ask me. (U)

The President: An abbraccio to you. Thanks for the call. Good bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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SIGNED

January 23, 1992

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

FROM: ROBERT L. HUTCHINGS *RH*
SUBJECT: Telcon with Helmut Kohl, Chancellor of Germany

Attached at Tab A is a Memorandum of Telephone Conversation between the President and Chancellor Kohl on January 23, 1992.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the attached Memorandum of Telephone Conversation be filed for the record.

Approve ✓ Disapprove

That you sign the memorandum to State at Tab I.

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Tab I Memorandum to State
Tab A Memorandum of Telephone Conversation

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08. Telcon	Re: Telcon with Penaia Ganilau, President of Fiji on February 11, 1992 (1 pp.)	2/11/92	(b)(1)	C

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Record Group: Bush Presidential Records
Office: Scowcroft, Brent, Collection
Series: Presidential Correspondence Files
Subseries: Presidential Telcon Files
WHORM Cat.:
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09. Telcon	Re: Telephone Conversation with President Mubarak of Egypt on February 18, 1992 (3 pp.)	2/18/92	(b)(1)	S

Collection:

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Series: Presidential Correspondence Files
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10. Telcon	Re: Telephone Conversation with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia on February 18, 1992 (2 pp.)	2/18/92	(b)(1)	S

Collection:

Record Group: Bush Presidential Records

Office: Scowcroft, Brent, Collection

Series: Presidential Correspondence Files

Subseries: Presidential Telcon Files

WHORM Cat.:

File Location: Presidential Telephone Calls - Memorandum of Conversations 1/2/92 - 4/9/92

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11. Telcon	Re: Telephone Conversation with Leonid Kravchuk, President of Ukraine (3 pp.)	2/27/92	(b)(1)	S

Collection:

Record Group: Bush Presidential Records
Office: Scowcroft, Brent, Collection
Series: Presidential Correspondence Files
Subseries: Presidential Telcon Files
WHORM Cat.:
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Subseries: Presidential Telcon Files
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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with John Major of the United Kingdom

PARTICIPANTS: The President
John Major, Prime Minister
Interpreter: none
Notetaker: Tony Wayne, NSC Staff

DATE, TIME March 6, 1992, 9:02 - 9:19 a.m.
AND PLACE: White House

The President: How are you? Its been a long time since we last talked. (U)

Prime Minister Major: Yes, I'm absolutely delighted to have this chance to chat. How are things with you? I know you are in the midst of campaigning. (U)

The President: Well I am doing well, though I think the weather is better in Washington D.C. than out here. You know there are a lot of crazy columnists running around these days slamming everything that I do. There is not much focus on foreign policy. All the press coverage and all the press wants to ask about is our economy. You know its been very sluggish, but most people think the economy is on the way to improvement. I just have to keep my focus on winning primaries and then the general election. How about your situation? (Ø)

Prime Minister Major: We've had some pretty rough economic news. The opinion polls are absolutely neck and neck. That means we will get home with a small majority because of the way the voters are divided up. Unless there is something extraordinary which happens in the next few days, I will ask the Queen to dissolve parliament. We have most of our work done, the budget and other things. Waiting any longer would be counter-productive. So I believe we will be off and running next week. (Ø)

The President: Well listen, best of luck to you. Obviously we're rooting for you, and it's very important that you win. Your ahead of Kinnock in the polls, right? That should help. (Ø)

Prime Minister Major: I'm less ahead than I was, but I'm still somewhat ahead of him. The recession is hurting. But he is still very much disliked by many. We're watching your campaign with the greatest of interest. It still seems unimaginable from this side of the water that it can be anything other than a clear victory for you. (Ø)

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The President: Thanks. What about the rest of the world? (Ø)

Prime Minister Major: Personally I was very grateful for the way you responded to our concerns about GPALS. I was very grateful for the way Brent dealt with Stephen on this. It was tremendously helpful. (Ø)

The President: I'm delighted it was, and we must work together on this. (Ø)

Prime Minister Major: I had a long conversation in the middle of the week with Helmut Kohl, particularly about GATT. Kohl had some interesting things to say about it. He said GATT has been taking a lot of his time and that he had been in close touch with Mitterrand. He is trying to persuade the French to agree. (Ø)

You know Mitterrand faces regional elections later this month, and Kohl seems to think there may be more room for him to move after that. We are quite familiar with those pressures, but after that there will be an opening for him and Delors to persuade Mitterrand to move. Kohl's view was that just isolating Mitterrand is not sufficient. Mitterrand needs U.S. movement on cereal substitutes. Mitterrand retains sufficient support in the EC to prevent him from being voted down, Kohl thinks. Rather he needs something he can present before the French public. (Ø)

I just wanted to let you know that Kohl will tell you that he needs something on cereal substitutes. Mitterrand will then present it to the French public and may well be able to accept the package. I thought you might like an advance warning of that. Of course, we don't have a particular interest in rebalancing, but it is important for others in the EC. (Ø)

The President: Well, I will talk to our people about rebalancing. I think we've got something working on the safe box that I think would help with French. But rebalancing is a tough one for us. Let me talk to my people in advance of the Kohl visit to see if there is some flexibility that we haven't uncovered. (Ø)

Prime Minister Major: That would be nice I'll be in close touch with you. I think that is the way to go, but it will have to be a political decision in the end. (Ø)

The President: I agree with that, and John unless there is more on GATT round lets go on to Iraq. I like what Douglas Hurd is saying on this. We are standing firm about the need to have the UN destroy these weapons facilities. We should stay in the closest contact. We don't think we need further Security Council resolutions to undertake military action, if it is needed. (Ø)

Prime Minister Major: We cannot exclude a military response. The view that we have taken here is that we should build up pressure gradually. But if we need to act, military action is something that we would be perfectly prepared to be involved in. I'm not sure how you see politics of it. (Ø)

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The President: The politics of it would be that without any preparation, a military strike on Iraq would be seen as Bush using this to refurbish his sagging popularity. But if indeed the facts are clear and we have exhausted the mechanisms for consultation, we would find support. That's the politics. But the reality is I would be prepared to do whatever is necessary militarily to stop him from going ahead with his program. Yes, we need to be trying to get a peaceful settlement before we act militarily. But there could be something that could compel us to move quicker than an orderly preparation. So I just want you to know that we are ready to stay in touch on this, and we would be prepared to act if need be to destroy these facilities so that they would not be able to produce missiles and other weapons. (C)

Prime Minister Major: Yes, there is nothing more important. That's how strongly we feel about it. (C)

The President: On Pan Am 103 and Libya, what's your latest view? (C)

Prime Minister Major: Libya's decision to take it to the ICJ is a very bizarre proposition. (Major began breaking up here and the following is based on reconstruction from other British and U.S. participants). I think we should also agree that Libyan suspects could only be handed over to third countries if there is absolute agreement that this will only be for transit to the U.S. of Scotland where they will stand trial. (C)

The President: Yes, I agree (on third country involvement). On the UN, the view that we have here is that after our consultations this week in New York we agree that the Libyans have not complied with the first UN resolution. I think the next step is that we have to go to a second sanctions resolution, though it may well be tough going to get a good majority in the Council. I'm not sure about Mitterrand's attitude. He's been grumpy recently and I haven't spoken to him on the phone for a while. (C)

Prime Minister Major: I agree that we should go ahead in the UN. (Call was disrupted at this point. When notetaker was reconnected the President and Major were having a jovial discussion of somebody visiting Number 10 Downing street.) (C)

The President: What else have we got? (C)

Prime Minister Major: I see a real mess coming in Yugoslavia. The UN has asked us to put in field ambulances. We will probably have to do it, but it won't be popular here, given our troops in Cyprus and that I just had to send more troops to Northern Ireland. Our people will be there under the protection of non-British, non-American troops. But in the end, we'll have to say yes. (C)

On South Africa, I hope de Klerk wins his referendum. (C)

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The President: So do I, so do I. (C)

Prime Minister Major: I saw him here recently. We went to watch a game of rugby. He was in good spirits. (C)

The President: How was that received, watching a game of rugby with him, by British people? (C)

Prime Minister Major: A few years ago there would have been demonstrations. But this time there was no difficulty at all, only a tiny demonstration. And it was hardly noticeable at the end of Downing street. The press was utterly relaxed. (C)

The President: I understand Jim Baker is going to talk to the EC on Yugoslavia. We are trying to do this in accordance with what UN is asking us, and I think it useful to coordinate closely. We have been getting some pressure on recognition and from the UN. But you know the situation in Yugoslavia remains very confusing. (C)

Prime Minister Major: Yes, it is pretty confusing. Bosnia-Hercegovina could be a real mess. This could be a real snarl-up which would keep UN troops tied up for a long time. We are very chary. (C)

The President: Well, I think that is our feeling too. Great talking to you. Best of luck and best wishes for your re-election. (C)

-- End of Conversation --

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17. Telcon	Re: Telcon with Prime Minister Manley of Jamaica on March 17, 1992 (2 pp.)	3/7/92	(b)(1)	C

Collection:

Record Group: Bush Presidential Records
Office: Scowcroft, Brent, Collection
Series: Presidential Correspondence Files
Subseries: Presidential Telcon Files
WHORM Cat.:
File Location: Presidential Telephone Calls - Memorandum of Conversations 1/2/92 - 4/9/92

Date Closed:	2/6/2009	OA/ID Number:	91113-003
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18. Telcon	Re: Telcon with F.W. de Klerk, State President of the Republic of South Africa on March 18, 1992 (1 pp.)	3/18/92	(b)(1)	C

Collection:

Record Group: Bush Presidential Records
Office: Scowcroft, Brent, Collection
Series: Presidential Correspondence Files
Subseries: Presidential Telcon Files
WHORM Cat.:
File Location: Presidential Telephone Calls - Memorandum of Conversations 1/2/92 - 4/9/92

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19. Telcon	Re: Memorandum of Telephone Conversation (3 pp.)	3/18/92	(b)(1)	C

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Record Group: Bush Presidential Records
Office: Scowcroft, Brent, Collection
Series: Presidential Correspondence Files
Subseries: Presidential Telcon Files
WHORM Cat.:
File Location: Presidential Telephone Calls - Memorandum of Conversations 1/2/92 - 4/9/92

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20. Telcon	Re: Telcon with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia on March 19, 1992 (4 pp.)	3/19/92	(b)(1)	S

Collection:

Record Group: Bush Presidential Records
Office: Scowcroft, Brent, Files
Series: Presidential Correspondence Files
Subseries: Presidential Telcon Files
WHORM Cat.:
File Location: Presidential Telephone Calls - Memorandum of Conversations 1/2/92 - 4/9/92

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AR Case #:	2000-1334-F/1(69)	MR Case #:	
AR Disposition:	Released in Part	MR Disposition:	
AR Disposition Date:	3/27/2008	MR Disposition Date:	

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Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia
on March 19, 1992

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Boris Yeltsin
Interpreter: Dmitri Arensburger
Notetaker: Nicholas Burns

DATE, TIME March 19, 1992, 11:49am - 12:17pm
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Boris, how are you? (U)

President Yeltsin: Thank you, George. I had eleven days rest and feel quite good. We haven't exchanged views in a while and I wanted to inform you of recent developments. (U)

The President: Wonderful. I am delighted. Please go ahead.
(U)

President Yeltsin: Concerning our internal affairs, things are proceeding according to plan. The situation is okay as of now.
(U)

The President: That's good. (U)

President Yeltsin: Of course, prices are high and there is a certain amount of discontent in the country. Still, support for reform is quite high in the country. I am grateful for your banking experts, led by Corrigan, who have helped us to reform our banking and finance system. As for Commonwealth issues, the Commonwealth heads of state will meet in Kiev tomorrow to discuss problems which are numerous now. The major topics will be joint armed and nuclear forces and our cooperative actions. Russia will continue to be, however, the continuation state for nuclear weapons and we will continue our policies. (U)

The President: Good. (U)

President Yeltsin: I will provide you with a written briefing on the results of our Kiev discussions and let you know how things are going in this country. Humanitarian assistance is going well. But other economic and financial problems are not going as well since we are not yet IMF members. The IMF Board fully approved our program of activities. They have yet to determine

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the Russian quota in the IMF. We would be content with a 3.2-3.5 percent quota but U.S. experts in the IMF will not agree to more than 2.6 percent. This issue has been blocked for some time.

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I think your personal intervention would help a lot. We would be content with 3.2 percent but the U.S. experts want 2.6 percent. Your good offices would help and would allow us to join the IMF by late March or early April and thus obtain credits from the IMF. ~~(S)~~

One more issue. At our June 18-20 meeting, I would like to be able to sign a general treaty between the U.S. and Russia. ~~(S)~~

The President: A general agreement on any particular subject?
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President Yeltsin: I mean political, security and other issues. We have no treaty between Russia and the U.S., only U.S.-Soviet treaties. And on this basis, we could develop specific treaties for economic, cultural and other issues. Our meeting would then be filled with a specific, concrete, substance. ~~(S)~~

The President: Let me get with Jim Baker immediately on this. I am sure we can get substantive agreements on some of these issues. Also, Bob Strauss will be here tomorrow and we can discuss it. I am looking forward to seeing him here. ~~(C)~~

President Yeltsin: I think Kozyrev will deal with the general treaty and will contact Jim Baker. They will prepare the treaty together. ~~(C)~~

The President: Yes, I am sure they can. I like your idea. (U)

President Yeltsin: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to reiterate the importance of your personal intervention on the quota issue. ~~(C)~~

The President: Boris, look, I know the importance of this to you. We will do what we can to encourage the IMF to be flexible. But let's not let it slow down the implementation of the Stand-by program. We will try to get the resources you need whatever the quota is. But I will try to get the IMF to be flexible on this.
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President Yeltsin: The thing is, Mr. President, we will not be accepted without an established, fixed quota. ~~(C)~~

The President: I see. Let me get on it right away. ~~(C)~~

President Yeltsin: Thank you. These were the two main issues. But let me ask: how are you personally? (U)

The President: Personally, I am feeling terrific. We are caught up in a terrible electoral process that will go on all year. But I am doing well in it. But there is an ugly mood in this country. Everybody has turned inward because of the slow

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economy. However, the economy is now doing better and there is widening recognition that we ought to do everything we can to help Russia and the other Commonwealth states. Boris, can I ask another question? ~~(S)~~

President Yeltsin: Yes, sure. (U)

The President: Kravchuk announced a halt to shipments of tactical nuclear weapons back to Russia. But now we have conflicting reports on this. Do you know anything more yet? ~~(S)~~

President Yeltsin: I will meet with him tomorrow and we will straighten this out. We signed an agreement on withdrawal by July 1. His statement was a staggering surprise. I want to look in his eyes and ask what he meant and I will report to you on the results and his final position on this. (b)(1)

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The President: That's good. Anyway, I would also appreciate your using your great influence to get a peaceful resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. We worry about this. Turkey is involved. If that issue comes up tomorrow, the influence of Boris Yeltsin would be very good. We worry a lot about it. ~~(S)~~

President Yeltsin: I will raise it forcefully tomorrow in Kiev. I spoke today with the Acting President of Azerbaijan, Mamedov and the Armenian President, Ter-Petrosian. Differences exist, of course, but I believe we will discuss concrete issues and will hopefully make something of it. We intend to withdraw two armies from the area. But we believe the absence of a restraining force could mean they will come to blows. ~~(S)~~

The President: Its a difficult situation there. I worry about your young soldiers. They are doing the right thing and are caught up in a bad rivalry. I worry about that. ~~(S)~~

President Yeltsin: Thank you for your concerns. The mothers of those young soldiers are also worried. We withdrew one regiment to Georgia and tomorrow will discuss the possibility of withdrawing two armies. Today, I signed a decree to place the two armies under Russian jurisdiction. I did this so that neither the Armenians nor the Azerbaijanis could control them or direct them against each other. ~~(S)~~

The President: It sounds like this could contribute to a peaceful solution, hopefully a lasting one. ~~(S)~~

I will meet Kohl at Camp David and we will discuss G-7 support for Russia and your reforms. If there is anything I can do or say before your April 6 meeting to show that I support you strongly, please let us know. ~~(S)~~

President Yeltsin: Yes. First, please ask Mr. Kohl to invite me to the G-7 meeting. (b)(1)

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If this could possibly be included in the G-7 agenda, it would be appreciated. We hope this proposal could be supported by France, Britain and others. I could advance the proposal if I were present. This would allow the G-7 to give us positive results at the summit for us. Without positive results at Munich, I will lose politically at home. ~~(S)~~

The President: We don't want that to happen. Let's see what we can do. ~~(C)~~

President Yeltsin: Thank you. All the best. Best regards from my Naina to your Barbara. (U)

The President: Good luck. Our best to you. (U)

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Levon Ter-Petrosian of
Armenia (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Levon Ter-Petrosian
Interpreter: Dmitri Arensburger
Notetaker: Nicholas Burns

DATE, TIME March 21, 1992, 10:09 - 10:25am
AND PLACE: Camp David

The President: Hello, Mr. President. This is George Bush. How
are you? (U)

President Ter-Petrosian: Good morning, Mr. President. I feel
good. How about you? (U)

The President: Okay. The health is good. I am waiting for
Helmut Kohl to come up to Camp David. (U)

President Ter-Petrosian: Let me wish you a good rest. (U)

The President: Thank you very much. How did your meetings go?
(U)

President Ter-Petrosian: Thank you. To begin, let me thank you
for your statement on the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh. I would
like to express my gratitude to the United States for its efforts
in CSCE to settle this conflict. These problems have been
discussed with Secretary Baker, Foreign Minister Rafi
Hovannassian and myself. We are hopeful you can provide active
and constructive participation to settle the conflict. Let me
just mention that there seems to be an indication of a peaceful
solution. Both sides are ready to talk. We are exerting every
available influence on authorities in Nagorno-Karabakh to achieve
this. (S)

I believe the time has come now to pursue active steps. I
believe your influence should be directed toward organizing a
tripartite meeting to include Azerbaijan, Armenia and the
authorities in Nagorno-Karabakh. Baker and Hovannassian
discussed this subject today. Baker has approved this plan. So,
I would like to ask you to discuss this at the Helsinki meeting
on March 24. I have another issue to discuss. This concerns

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Turkey's position. For an extended period of time, Turkey took a neutral position. (S)

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The President: Hello, we are back again. (U)

President Ter-Petrosian: Yes. (U)

The President: We were talking about Turkey and the line went dead. (S)

President Ter-Petrosian: So, I meant to say that Turkey's most recent statements indicate that it has given up its neutrality. I had a one half hour conversation with the Foreign Minister of Turkey today. We seem to have found a solution. Turkey is now trying to reinstate its neutral image. Of course, the Turkish government is experiencing public pressure. We recognize that and understand it. Nevertheless, I would ask you to exert your authority to influence Turkey to retain neutrality. (S)

The President: Let me say that I am glad you believe Turkey is neutral. We have great confidence in Demirel. I believe he wants to find a solution. We are in touch with the Turks daily on this matter. We believe the Turks support the three-point proposal and we also continue to support the role of the CSCE and the United Nations Negotiator, Cyrus Vance. (S)

And yes, Jim Baker filled me in on his conversation with the Foreign Minister. As you may know, Kohl is coming here and Jim will be coming up in about twenty minutes for that visit. We will talk more about this situation. I note you asked about Helsinki. We will follow up on this in Helsinki. (S)

President Ter-Petrosian: Thank you very much. That is what I meant to tell you. The most important thing, with respect to the negotiations, is that Nagorno-Karabakh should be present at all negotiations. It is essential that they be involved at every step. (S)

The President: We support the tripartite plan. I wish you well. I am pleased by the close ties between our two governments. We will try to help in any way we can. (S)

President Ter-Petrosian: Thank you, Mr. President. I hope to see you in Yerevan. (U)

The President: I would love to come. Thank you for this wonderful call. This is very important and I appreciate it. (U)

President Ter-Petrosian: Thank you, Mr. President. Good bye. (U)

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia
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PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Boris Yeltsin
Interpreter: Dmitri Zarechnak
Notetaker: Nicholas Burns

DATE, TIME March 23, 1992, 10:55 - 11:14am
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President: Boris, how are you, sir? (U)

President Yeltsin: Good evening. We had a Commonwealth heads of state meeting in Kiev on Friday. I think it was the best of the six meetings we have had. We signed eighteen agreements. We agreed fully on all legal aspects of the unified military and signed all relevant documents on the military. Kravchuk confirmed that, as of July 1, all tactical nuclear weapons would be removed to Russia and that destruction would take place with Ukrainian monitoring. (S)

We discussed the Nagorno-Karabakh situation and agreed to create a special observers group and forces of the UN type. We agreed that all military activity would cease and that the observer group and forces would disengage the Armenian and Azerbaijani forces. So, if anybody was pessimistic about the future of the Commonwealth, this pessimism has decreased now after Kiev. (S)

The President: That's very good. Thank you. I am calling to fill you in on the Kohl visit. Before doing that, I would like any assessment on where we stand on START ratification and on the allocation of military equipment under CFE. Those are two questions. (S)

President Yeltsin: With regard to START in Kiev, the four heads of state prepared a document and only disagreed on one word -- that Russia be the only nuclear state to have international responsibility, to have contact with the U.S. on this. I think that within a week we will resolve this issue and sign a document that the Supreme Soviet will ratify. (S)

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The President: That's positive. On military equipment limited under CFE. Is that decided yet? (S)

President Yeltsin: We have working groups active on this. The percentages have been determined by the experts already. In the Russian government, we have no problem with 62 percent, 67 percent or even 70 percent. We are ready to accept any. It might take two weeks before the final documents are ready to be signed. There are some additional questions to work out. (S)

On Sunday, I talked to Nazarbaev and we discussed all issues in our relationship. He stressed that all nuclear weapons would be transferred for destruction, including strategic weapons. We discussed non-proliferation. We agreed we will sign a military-political treaty. (S)

I thought Kiev was a necessary meeting which produced good results. We decided to make our borders transparent, to remove customs, to have licensing for products and to not have customs duties for exports and imports transitting each member's territory. Also, we agreed Kazakhstan will coordinate the work of the other three Central Asians to keep out the Islamic threat. (S)

The President: That is very good, very important. President Ter-Petrosian called about Nagorno-Karabakh. He is supportive of the tripartite agreement -- that is Armenia, Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh. I told him we thought this was a good idea from our standpoint. (S)

President Yeltsin: Yes, he said he would talk with you. Our two positions are very close. (S)

The President: Can I take a minute to fill you in on the Kohl meeting? (S)

President Yeltsin: Yes, of course. (U)

The President: We had a good meeting. We have close relations with Germany. We both talked about Russia. Our desire is to support you and to respond to your courageous reforms. Beyond immediate humanitarian efforts, we felt we should help on two tracks. One is sustained and coordinated technical assistance. You know that I have called for \$645 million in U.S. funds over the next two years. Then, on number two, we both favor strong backing of the international financial institutions programs designed to support your reforms. We agreed to work together on the details and to coordinate the other G-7 countries on a unified plan. Kohl will call you and will tell you that we both support you, and admire the steps you have taken. We both want you to know that you should have no worries about our commitments. (S)

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President Yeltsin: Thank you, George. Kohl called today and talked to me. (S)

The President: Did he mention Munich? He and I talked about it and I wondered if he mentioned it to you? (S)

President Yeltsin: Yes, he said he supports this and that you do as well. He said he wanted to discuss this with Japan and issue a formal invitation later. (S)

The President: That's right. He has got problems as the host country because some other countries would like to attend. But Russia is so big so I think we should maintain that distinction. (S)

President Yeltsin: Thank you. (U)

The President: I would also like to ask your consideration on one matter. We appreciate your support in the past on the terrible bombing of Pan Am 103. I hope your Ambassador will stay with us in the UN Security Council on sanctions. This is of enormous importance in the U.S. I don't want you to do anything that would have economic repercussions. But we do want to send a strong international message to Qadhafi. (S)

President Yeltsin: I promise to support this. (S)

The President: Very good. Jim Baker sent a letter to Andre on this. I had Bob Strauss in the other day as a symbol. I wanted pictures of that meeting to show the importance of Russia for the U.S. He is back in Moscow now. We had a good talk. (S)

President Yeltsin: We have a meeting with him tomorrow and Volker. (S)

The President: Thank you, Boris. I wanted to give you that report and to thank you for the readout on Kiev. (S)

President Yeltsin: Thank you for the information you have shared. It is good we have such fine working contacts. Life goes quickly so this is helpful. I also want to wish you from the bottom of my heart success in your election campaign. (S)

The President: Thank you. (U)

President Yeltsin: Goodbye, George. (U)

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Fernando Collor of Brazil on
March 25, 1992 (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Fernando Collor, President of Brazil
Interpreter: Neil Seidenman
Notetaker: William T. Pryce/Robert B. Morley

DATE, TIME March 25, 1992, 8:19 - 8:38am EST
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Hello, Mr. President. (U)

President Collor: Good morning. It is good to hear your voice.
(U)

The President: It's good to hear yours. How are you? (U)

President Collor: I am just fine, thank God. We are
enthusiastically following your campaign and rooting for your
success. (U)

The President: Yes, well, it is a complicated and sort of ugly
business that takes a lot of time, but that is just the way our
process works every four years. (U)

President Collor: Well, the campaign is a very significant
thing, and we are sure to benefit from your success. (U)

The President: Thanks for your kind words. We are working hard
on it. Now what is on your mind, sir? (U)

President Collor: Mr. President, with your permission, I would
like to raise with you a few points on the United Nations
Conference on the Environment and Development in our country in
June. (U)

The President: Yes. (U)

President Collor: Mr. President, in the first place, I want to
underscore strongly the great importance we assign to you being
here at the conference. We know it is a difficult time for you,
with the election process in your country. But your presence
here would put the finishing touch on our work and insure its
success. You would make a major contribution to the success of
the conference by being here. (U)

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The President: Let me assure you that we are giving this our most serious consideration. I consider this to be a very important meeting. You are right, there are serious scheduling problems because of the ongoing electoral process up here, and I have to give that serious attention. I am still hopeful I can come. I understand and recognize the importance of the meeting not only to you and Brazil, but also to the international community. I hope to participate, but I cannot give you a final commitment right now. (U)

President Collor: Thank you, Mr. President. I have a second point. (U)

The President: Yes. (U)

President Collor: The second point concerns the work of the Preparatory Conference now working in New York. As of their last meeting, there was no final consensus on many issues. This is a source of concern for us, because it may lead to a feeling of disappointment within the world community. It might even cause difficulties with the agenda. It may block progress or cause lengthy discussions within the conference in June, which would jeopardize the conference's success. So, we must make an extra effort to have a consensus in New York. I ask your positive support for this. (U)

The President: We agree on the importance of the meeting. I've been advised that progress has been made on issues. But more needs to be done. There are understandably differences between us, but we will try to work out a consensus. We all want the conference to be a success. We know what is at stake here. (U)

President Collor: Thank you very much for that, Mr. President. I also wanted to point out that I will be meeting with your Ambassador on Friday, and will make all the points with him. I hope he will report our conversation to you. Our position on all matters is fully valid, but we are quite open to discussion. This conference is important to us. (U)

I also wanted to add a word of appreciation for your help on our debt problem. The role of David Mulford has been especially useful. This demonstrates the regard you hold for Brazil. It shows your friendship for Brazil. (U)

I would like to appeal to you as a friend. I feel I am a friend. Speaking as a friend, I feel it is important that the United States hold on to the leadership of the conference we are going to have. It must go forward with the leadership of the United States. This is very significant, only with your leadership can we hope to mobilize world opinion. We cannot lose ground. Time is of the essence and that is why I wish to reinforce the importance of your presence. (U)

Thank you again. (U)

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The President: I know you speak as a friend. We are committed to see you succeed in Brazil, and I also want this conference to succeed. As a result of this call, I will contact our negotiators and urge them to do what they can to resolve the differences that still exist. But I hope people understand the enormous difficulties we are having in the United States relating to the dynamism of our economy.

I understand there are differences on financing questions in New York. We, and not just we, but others want the World Bank to be involved. But you are a friend, and we want to work our problems out. We don't just want to go down to Rio without knowing we will be successful. You have made an appeal. We want you to succeed. I hope we can work out the problems, but I also hope that you understand what I have to do because of the economy. We don't want the conference to flounder on details. We'll keep pushing at this end. (U)

I agree with you on the question of the importance of leadership and influencing world opinion. We will work out things at the conference. This is not just political talk. I'm giving very serious consideration to this. We want to give the conference every chance of success. I will get back to you as soon as I can after I have talked to our negotiators. (U)

President Collor: Thank you, Mr. President. I understand all that you have said, and again, U.S. leadership at the conference is very important. I understand the United States has its own problems and is not in a position to set limits on emissions and so forth. But we think your leadership is essential. You personally cannot afford to lose that leadership. I say this as a friend. We want the conference to go forward with your leadership. (U)

Thanks again for your time and the opportunity to talk to you. My best regard to you, Barbara and the family. I hope to see you soon. (U)

The President: Love to you and your family. I want you to know we appreciate all that you are trying to do and the success Brazil has had under your leadership. (U)

President Collor: Thank you very much. Good-bye. (U)

The President: Good-bye. (U)

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with John Major, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

PARTICIPANTS: The President
John Major, Prime Minister
Interpreter: none
Notetaker: Tony Wayne, NSC Staff

DATE, TIME March 29, 1992, 3:08-3:18 p.m.
AND PLACE: White House

The President: John, I hate to bother you, but I just had two messages: First, Happy Birthday.

Prime Minister Major: Thank you, George.

The President: Second, I'm dying to find out how things are going. I know you are campaigning like mad, and I hope it all works out for you.

Prime Minister Major: Thanks so much, George.

The President: It's been a miserable five months here campaigning. How's the campaign going there?

Prime Minister Major: It's been miserable here too. It's been a very dirty campaign. Labour is using every low trick it can find, including an advertisement exploiting a sick young girl. There is almost no depth to the low levels to which they will go. I also had a couple of "walkabouts" that were really nasty and ugly. The crowds were horrendous. I think it's been helpful politically, though you know it's not fun to do this.

The opinion polls have Labour a little ahead, but our fellows on the ground think that our voters are firm and that we will win. We won't have as big a majority as before but that's expected given the recession.

And also the Conservative press here has been bloody. They haven't been reporting our policy, and they've been criticizing our campaign, the posters, etc. It has been a rough fortnight, but on the bright side the opinion polls have narrowed, and our candidates on the ground are optimistic that they are going to win.

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The BBC has been appalling too. For what is suppose to be a public television service, it is not impartial at all. But still I think we are going to win.

The President: I saw a Harris poll that had you ahead five points.

Prime Minister Major: Yes, but the polls are showing different results, some have us ahead and some behind. They are even varying day after day. We've looked at their methods and found that some of the polls are underestimating our voters by only calling during the day time when many people are at work. Our private polls have us pretty much level. On that basis, we will win a slight majority.

The President: Well, I just wanted to check in and see how it was going. I'm not going to bother you with all the other subjects on our common agenda. I did see however that Princess Di's father had died.

Prime Minister Major: Yes, he's been sick for awhile. It's not really a surprise. She's in Switzerland and coming home.

The President: I'd like to send a cable. Should I send it care of the palace?

Prime Minister Major: Yes, or I think you can send it directly to Kensington Palace where she lives.

The President: I just wanted to give you my best. I wish there was something we could do to help you.

Prime Minister Major: Many thanks, I appreciate it.

The President: At least your election will be over soon. I have five more months to go. The economy is looking a little bit better, but it's an ugly process with a lot of smear stuff. It started that way in New Hampshire where the economy was particularly down, but I think that's beginning to change a bit.

Prime Minister Major: Good.

The President: If there is anything we can do, let us know. I won't bother you with anything else now. I know your focus is on the election. Just do your best to win. Goodbye.

Prime Minister Major: Goodbye, George.

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT; Telcon with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Boris Yeltsin
Notetaker: Nicholas Burns
Interpreter: Dmitri Arensburger

DATE, TIME April 1, 1992, 9:00 - 9:17am
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President: Hello Boris. How are you? (U)

President Yeltsin: Good morning, George. I am well, fine. We are fighting! (U)

I must say that we had a huge political event yesterday -- we signed the Federation treaty of Russia. There were eighty issues among twenty autonomous republics. All the talk about the disintegration of Russia is now useless. (S)

The President: Very good. I am pleased. I want to give you a report on what I will do today. (S)

Boris, I will meet with the leadership of Congress in a few minutes, and will make an important public announcement this morning on a major U.S. assistance program for Russia and the other new states. My public announcement will include specific support for your reforms and three new, major initiatives. First, we are willing to work with the G-7 and the IMF to go forward with a \$6 billion currency stabilization fund to support the ruble. This would be, as you know, part of an IMF program. I will also say that the U.S. is ready to work with our G-7 partners to marshal resources to fill your \$18 billion financing gap. I am sure you saw Kohl's announcement. We have worked closely with him on that. (S)

Second, I will present to the Congress a comprehensive bill that would expand my authority to extend assistance to Russia and the other states and clear away the Cold War legislation, like Byrd and Stevenson, that impede trade between Russia and the U.S. (S)

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Third, I will also announce that we will meet your request for \$600 million in credit guarantees for agriculture. I will also make available another \$500 million for other CIS states on agricultural credits. So, that is what I will tell the Congress and the American people. (S)

One other thing. Thanks for your Pan Am 103 vote in the UN. I appreciate that very much. (S)

President Yeltsin: With regard to Libya, we supported you as you requested. (S)

The President: Listen, I have to run for a meeting with Congress. I did want to mention that I am sensitive to your requirements on the Gorbachev visit. He is making a private visit during the first half of May. I have invited him to a private dinner here. I understand how his trip could complicate your situation at home. I will treat the trip sensitively and in a way that minimizes press coverage. I will treat him as I do Margaret Thatcher and other friends out of office -- with respect and dignity, but privately. I will do nothing to undermine your Presidency. Indeed, I will try to do things to strengthen it. I support what you are doing. (S)

President Yeltsin: George, I understand the sensitivity of this issue. Well, this visit is fine with me as long as it is private and you receive him as a private citizen. You have known him for a long time and it can be explained on this basis. One controversial element is that his visit will take place right before my official visit to the U.S. on June 18. Let's try to convince him jointly to come after my visit in June. Then we won't have any problems. I will talk to him and try to postpone it. I will also talk to his friends who have influence with him. (S)

The President: In talking to him, you can say that George understands what Boris Yeltsin is saying. George Bush will receive Gorbachev after the Yeltsin State visit if Gorbachev has any flexibility. (S)

President Yeltsin: Yes. Let's do exactly that. Moreover, I must consider the fact that we have questions to ask him on the financial affairs of the former Communist party. Well, he is not a person to be accused but he may be needed as a witness in April or May as I understand it. Of course, these are arguments I use with you. With him, I will do it more tactfully. But if he insists on May, then I understand you will have to meet him. I view this with understanding. I don't think you will accord him the status of the President of Russia. (S)

The President: No. Absolutely not. It is very different. This is a private dinner. There will be no press conference and no fanfare that we will receive you with on the State visit. That is a very different matter. (S)

President Yeltsin: I understand and don't have problems. If I fail to convince him, let it be so. (S)

The President: I have to run. Good luck and I hope this statement comes out positively. (U)

President Yeltsin: Thank you very much. I embrace you and hope your statement will be supported as a major and very important step. Russia will be indebted to you, and me too. (S)

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Leonid Kravchuk of
Ukraine (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Leonid Kravchuk
Notetaker: Nicholas Burns
Interpreter: Marta Zielyk

DATE, TIME April 1, 1991, 9:47 - 9:59am
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Hello, Mr. President. (U)

President Kravchuk: Good morning. (U)

The President: I am calling to fill you in on actions I will take on assistance programs for Russia, Ukraine and the other states. My public statement will include a number of new initiatives. I will present to the Congress a comprehensive bill that would expand my authority to extend assistance to Ukraine and the other states and clear away the legislation from the Cold War that impedes trade between Ukraine and the U.S. We are going to get rid of it. The legislation will allow a flourishing of trade and other exchange programs between our two countries. (S)

Secondly, I will also announce that we are prepared to extend up to \$1.1 billion in credit guarantees for Commonwealth countries. \$600 million is earmarked for Russia. I will also make available another \$500 million for other CIS states, including Ukraine. We will be in touch shortly to discuss with your experts the specific amount for Ukraine. I know you have requested \$300 million. I am confident that we will be able to meet at least most of that request. (S)

Third, I am announcing U.S. support for a \$6 billion currency stabilization fund to support the Russian ruble, and a package developed with our G-7 partners to provide \$18 billion in financial assistance to Russia. These are both in connection with Russia's negotiations with the IMF, which now are far along that the G-7 felt it could support this package. I urge you to give the highest priority to working with the IMF on a market reform program. Without this progress, its very difficult, if not impossible, to arrange an international financing package as we have done for Russia. So that is the announcement I will make. (S)

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Leonid, I continue to look forward to our meeting on May 6. I would like to make a suggestion to assure its complete success. I would like to ask that you receive three of our top people, Ed Hewett of the NSC, Dennis Ross of the State Department and Paul Wolfowitz of Defense to go over our relations and the major issues on the agenda. These three men have my full confidence.

(S)

So that was my message. I look forward to working with you to flesh out these programs when you get your reforms going. (S)

President Kravchuk: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Thanks for your good intentions. Your program will be welcomed in Ukraine and all around the world. America will show the world its interest in developing democracy and all nations. I think Ukraine and Russia will support your programs and help to implement it. (S)

I will take your advice and recommendations and we will do everything that is needed. I would gladly meet your people from Washington -- the people you recommend. I would greatly value that. (S)

The President: That's good. (U)

President Kravchuk: I would like to inform you that we are now working on the draft Trade and Peace Corps agreements and on the Investment treaty. We will bring these documents to Washington to guarantee that they will work in the future as well. I will have in my delegation businessmen who can meet your business community. (S)

The President: Good, good. (U)

President Kravchuk: As for your recommendations last time, we are finalizing a draft economic reform for work with the IMF and World Bank. Thank you for this information you shared and the perspective on it. (S)

The President: I am going right now to tell our Congressional leaders and wanted you to have this information that will be public in one hour. (S)

President Kravchuk: Thank you very much. (U)

The President: Goodbye and good luck. (U)

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Havel of the Czech and
Slovak Federal Republic (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Vaclav Havel, President
Interpreter: Zdenek Sadlon
Notetaker: Robert Hutchings, NSC Staff

DATE, TIME: April 3, 1992, 07:22-07:37
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Hello, Mr. President! How are you, sir? (U)

President Havel: Hello, Mr. President. Thank you for calling.
I don't want to disturb you, but I have one bit of information to
tell you. (U)

The President: Yes, sir. (U)

President Havel: I will use my interpreter. Prime Minister
Calfa is expected to come to Washington soon. A meeting with you
is tentatively scheduled. I would like to make one remark on
this occasion. I would appreciate it very much if you could pay
special attention to a letter Prime Minister Calfa will bring to
you from me containing important information of a security
nature. (U)

The President: When is he coming? I'm sure my staff knows all
the details, but I do not personally know. When exactly is he
arriving? I will make every effort to see him. (U)

President Havel: He is expected to arrive on the 10th and spend
several days in the United States. A visit to the White House is
being planned. I would appreciate it if a meeting with you
would take place. He will adjust his schedule to yours. (U)

The President: I'm sure we will be able to do it. The only
thing that would prevent it would be something unforeseen. I'll
ask General Scowcroft to set a time. (U)

President Havel: Thank you very much. The information he will
bring to you is very important. I don't want to bother you by
explaining it all during this phone call. (U)

The President: Anything that you think is that urgent will have
our prime consideration. I will be happy to take the time to see
him. I am glad to say hello to you, anyway. (U)

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President Havel: The only remark I will add is that the information I have referred to does not pertain to Czechoslovakia specifically but rather to the situation in this general region. (e)

The President: Okay. I look forward to receiving it. We will cooperate in any way possible. (e)

President Havel: This is the principal reason that I called. I might add that I just returned from Moscow for a State Visit. If you are interested, I will share my thoughts. (e)

The President: I'm very interested to hear how things are going there. As you know, we're trying to do as much as we can for them with our aid program. As you said here in Washington, we have a stake in supporting them. I would be interested to hear how you found things there. (e)

President Havel: President Yeltsin and I have a friendly relationship of long standing. During this visit more than ever I think he is a man who really knows what he wants. He has a vision. Czechoslovakia supports the G-7 program. President Yeltsin and his government now face considerable difficulties with Parliament, particularly on Monday when the Congress of Peoples Deputies meets. The holdovers from the communists are likely to be oriented against the government. I think it would be beneficial if you could express your support for the Yeltsin government, in an inconspicuous way. (e)

The President: I think that's a good suggestion. In my speech yesterday I tried to express support for Yeltsin personally. But I will try to find a way before the Congress convenes to reiterate that support. With your permission, one thought comes to mind now about how we can do that. We can have our press office announce our call and say that we think Russia's reforms are positive and that we support Yeltsin. That would give me a peg to announce it to the world. (e)

President Havel: I fully agree. We shall do it also. I would think that support should be extended to the government as well, because it is the government that is in trouble, not Yeltsin personally. (e)

The President: Okay. We'll say that we support Yeltsin, his government, and his reform plans. (e)

President Havel: Excellent. That is precisely what I had in mind -- in particular Mr. Burbulis and Mr. Gaydar. (e)

The President: Those are the names we should support? (e)

President Havel: Yes, because they are the authors of the reforms to which Yeltsin has given political backing. (e)

The President: We'll get out a good message. On your first suggestion, I will try to see your Prime Minister. I'm sure we will work it out. It's only if something totally unforeseen comes up. (U)

President Havel: Thank you very much. Should it prove impossible for you to see the Prime Minister, I would instruct him to deliver the letter to General Scowcroft. (U)

The President: I'm confident that I can see him, especially since it is important to you. I'm ninety-nine percent sure it will work out. (U)

President Havel: Thank you very much. I have just two more remarks. In the report to the media and the public I would appreciate it if you don't mention the first part -- the letter I am sending with Prime Minister Calfa. But we should say that the success of Russian reform is vital to the world. (U)

The President: Thank you very much. I look forward to working with you. (U)

President Havel: Thank you. And good luck in your election campaign. (U)

The President: Thank you. I feel pretty good right now. But it's a long terrible year ahead. (U)

President Havel: Good-bye. (U)

The President: Good-bye, my friend. (U)

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with
President Carlos Andres Perez of Venezuela

Subject: Summary of Haiti portion of Presidential Telcon with
President Carlos Andres Perez of Venezuela on April 9,
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President Perez raised the issue of Haiti with the President, asking what could be done to break the current deadlock on the protocol. The President said that the OAS-brokered protocol remains the best alternative for bringing about a return to democracy and eventually Aristide's return. The President stated that we need to convince the regime supporters in Haiti that they have not beaten the embargo, and he told President Perez that we are looking at ways to tighten the embargo such as freezing Haitian assets (of regime supporters) and denying U.S. port access to ships trading with Haiti. President Perez urged the President to take stronger measures very soon on the embargo. The President agreed that the U.S. would speed up its consideration of this and see what further measures we could take. He also asked President Perez to call Marc Bazin to seek to persuade him to support the protocol. President Perez agreed to do so. (C)

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Carlos Andres Perez of Venezuela
on April 9, 1992 (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Carlos Andres Perez, President of Venezuela
Interpreter: Stephanie Van Reigersberg
Notetaker: William Pryce and Robert Morley

DATE, TIME April 9, 1992, 11:24 a.m. - 11:42 a.m. DST
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Hello CAP, how are you? (U)

President Perez: Hello, I am delighted to hear your voice. (U)

The President: You don't sound very good. Your voice is gone.
Do you have laryngitis? (U)

President Perez: Yes, I have laryngitis, and it is difficult for
me to speak plainly. I wanted to talk especially about Peru, but
first, I should tell you everything here is going well for me and
for Venezuela. The situation is better. Today, we restored
constitutional guarantees. (U)

President Bush: I am so glad to hear that, I think of you often.
(U)

President Perez: But let's talk about the grave situation in
Peru. (U)

The President: Yes. (U)

President Perez: We have to make an effort to find a way out for
President Fujimori. Tomorrow the Rio Group meets in Washington,
and I think we could name a Committee of Foreign Ministers to go
down to Peru and talk to Fujimori, discuss a way out for him, and
to suggest that the Vice President (of Peru?) convoke early
elections. I am afraid that what Fujimori is doing could extend
to other countries. (U)

President Bush: Oh, my God. (U)

President Perez: Yes. We have to find a way to exert pressure
to get out of the current situation. (U)

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President Bush: Let me give our views, because we view this situation with the same degree of severity and urgency as you do. We are reviewing all our assistance programs and suspending new assistance programs. We need to work together to redress the situation as soon as possible. We need to make Fujimori understand that suspending democracy is not the way to solve the problems of Peru. But I understood that it will be the OAS meeting on Monday, not the Rio Group on Friday in Washington that was sending a mission to Peru. Is the Rio Group meeting here on Friday? (U)

President Perez: That's right. (U)

President Bush: Perhaps the OAS could send a high-level mission with the Secretary General to Peru to evaluate the situation and get a dialogue going between the various political factions on a return to democracy. That was one thought we had. On that one, it may be that you could use your influence, if you think you still have any, with Garcia and others to get them talking before they become frozen in their positions. We need to get them all in a substantive dialogue before this happens. We agree that the Rio Group can play a useful role, but it should not be a substitute for OAS action, given the legal character and mandate of the OAS. (U)

President Perez: Maybe I wasn't all that clear. What I meant to say was the Rio Group was going to meet in Washington on Friday. They would present the OAS with the idea of a mission to Peru. (U)

President Bush: Ok, we are together on this. Our thinking is that this is the next step and offers the best hope for getting things moving. But I have a question. Why do you think that Fujimori decided to do this at this time? I don't want to keep you talking too long, but I would like your views on this. (U)

President Perez: (At this point, President Perez had difficulty talking and we couldn't understand his next remarks. Beatrice Rangel explained that President Perez thought that the military in Peru had forced Fujimori to adopt the role he has taken. Perez had tried to talk to Fujimori Sunday night, but the military would not connect him with President Fujimori.) (U)

President Bush: It sounds like we are on the same wave length on Peru. We will stay in touch. You are a very important voice for democracy in the hemisphere. We are prepared to work with you to see how we can help restore democracy in Peru. (U)

President Perez: Thank you. Now we should talk about Haiti. What can we do to break the deadlock in Haiti? (U)

President Bush: We look on you as the expert, but here are a couple of ideas we have. We still feel the deal brokered by the OAS is the best alternative for a peaceful return of democracy and eventually Aristide's return. Now the opponents of the agreement believe they have successfully survived the embargo and

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don't need to compromise. We need to convince them that is not right. We are looking at ways up here to tighten the embargo, freeze Haitian assets and deny port facilities to ships that have traded with Haiti. We are examining all possibilities. Unfortunately Bazin, otherwise a good person, right now appears to be among those blocking implementation of the agreement. By doing this, he is discouraging the return of democracy and contributing to economic difficulties. It might be worth a call from you to him to try to persuade him to support the agreement. I understand Balaguer talked to him, but maybe you can do so too when you get your voice back. (U)

President Perez: I agree. But it is necessary to take stronger measures very soon as far as the embargo is concerned. (U)

President Bush: I see. We'll speed up our deliberations and see what we can do from this end. But I think it would be worth it for you to talk to Bazin. Are you going to do that? (U)

President Perez: Yes, I will do that. (U)

President Bush: We need to stay in touch on this issue. It is a tough situation for us. The refugees problem makes it especially difficult and unpopular for us. We want to see if we can't get the agreement implemented. We want a solution as quickly as possible, and want to stay in touch with you. (U)

President Perez: Very good. I want to send a big abrazo to you and wish you a successful campaign. (U)

President Bush: Yes, well, it is a difficult and ugly process up here. But I think I am going to win. The economy is improving. The big thing, however, is that things are improving for you in Venezuela. That is really good news. Stay in touch. A big abrazo. (U)

President Perez: Ok. Good By. (U)

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