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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Presidential Telcon with British Prime Minister Major

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister John Major

Notetakers: Kevin Wooton, Brian Gates, Mary Canty and Alexander Vershbow

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: July 4, 1995, 1926-1928 EDT, Camp David

The President: Hello, John? (U)

Prime Minister Major: Hello Bill, good evening. (U)

The President: I'm so sorry to call you so late. I know you must be tired. I just wanted to call and congratulate you on winning the election. (U)

Prime Minister Major: That's very kind of you. It's been a long day -- a long few days. But things came out okay. (U)

The President: I hope it is all behind you, so that we can get back to work. I know after all you went through, it must be good that it's over. (U)

Prime Minister Major: Well, it was a risk. [REDACTED]

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The President: Well, 90 percent of it is just hanging on and showing up every day. (U)

Prime Minister Major: Yes. We've both learned a lot about that. (U)

The President: I know you don't want to talk business right now, but I just wanted you to know how happy I am for you. (U)

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Prime Minister Major: I appreciate your call and God bless. (U)

The President: Tony Lake will call Rod Lyne tomorrow to work out dates for my trip. (U)

Prime Minister Major: Great, yes, we're looking forward to that. The sooner we can announce dates, the better. (U)

The President: One other thing, just to let you know, I've tried to lay low in the last few days with the stirrings in Northern Ireland. I figured there must have been some connection with your election. Whatever we can do to reinvigorate the peace process let me know. We'll want to talk about this in the days ahead. (C)

Once again, congratulations. (U)

Prime Minister Major: I appreciate it. Many thanks for ringing. Good night. (U)

The President: Okay. Good night. (U)

Prime Minister Major: Thanks. God bless. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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