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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President
Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Havel

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The President: Hello, Vaclav? (U)

President Havel: Hello. Thank you for calling me. I am
speaking. (U)

The President: It's nice to hear your voice. I hope you're
feeling better. (U)

President Havel: Thank you very much. My situation is not
dangerous, but in my case the doctors don't take any chances. I
have complications that could quickly lead to trouble. I have
with me an interpreter. This isn't the man whom you know, but a
young lady. I think it would be better to use your interpreter
and my interpreter. (U)

The President: Good. (U)

President Havel: I am very pleased you are concerned about my
health. Thank you very much for the letter. I will be released
tomorrow or the day after tomorrow. My regards to you and your
wife, and from Dasha. (U)

The President: Thank you very much. I am so glad you are
feeling better. The only other thing I wanted to say is, I am

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sure you have been notified that the war crimes tribunal indicted Milosevic and four others for their actions in Kosovo. I think this is a positive event and am looking forward to seeing what happens. I think we are moving in the right direction and believe we will see greater pressure in Serbia. We have a lot of indications that the Serbs may accept our conditions in the next several days, so we have to maintain the pressure. Obviously, no one could have known about the timing of the indictment, but on balance, it is not a bad thing. (U)

President Havel: Thank you very much for this information. What preparations are being made for a Security Council resolution? What are the conditions in this resolution? (U)

The President: I'm sorry. (*Speaking to the Czech translator*) Can you speak a little louder, young lady? I can barely hear you. (U)

Mr. Pletka: What is the situation with the resolution in the Security Council? (U)

The President: I have no idea, because the tribunal was set up as an independent body and the decision on the timing and substance of this was made entirely by Mrs. Arbour. (U)

President Havel: Yes, I know about the tribunal, and I think it was a good development. But my question was what preparations are being made for a Security Council resolution on Kosovo? (U)

The President: I don't know the answer to that, but I will find out and get back to you. I have been on vacation the last couple of days, but will get back to you. (U)

President Havel: Yes, thank you very much. I ask because if a resolution is accepted early, it could hasten other developments that would enhance conditions for a settlement. (U)

The President: I will be back in touch soon. It is good to hear you sounding so strong. (U)

President Havel: Thank you very much for the information, and I am ready anytime to discuss the agreement with you. (U)

The President: Thank you. Goodbye, Vaclav. (U)

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