

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Jean-Bertrand Aristide, President of Haiti, on October 29, 1993 ~~(C)~~

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Jean-Bertrand Aristide, President of Haiti
Notetakers: Lawrence G. Rossin
Richard E. Feinberg
Carlos A. Burgos

DATE, TIME: October 29, 1993, 10:24 - 10:28 am
AND PLACE: Boston, Massachusetts

The President: Congratulations on your good message to the United Nations yesterday. I've been working hard on this and am as disappointed as you are that the military blocked your return to Haiti. Governor's Island is still the best formula and I will be working hard to implement it. We want to maintain the sanctions and we are looking for new ways to tighten them. Dante Caputo is working hard down there and Prime Minister Malval is working very well. I know Prime Minister Malval's safety is under threat. We are already doing things to protect him and are looking at new things we can be doing. I believe we should encourage him to negotiate with maximum flexibility subject to your final authority. We need to try and get some new things going there. Meanwhile, we'll be firm on sanctions and protect Malval. ~~(C)~~

President Aristide: Thank you, Mr. President, for sharing these thoughts with me. I am with you and I will continue to be with you in asking for the implementation of and respect for the Governor's Island Agreement. I too want the sanctions to be maintained. I will encourage Prime Minister Malval to negotiate as you suggest. I am with you and I support the way you are moving. Thank you for your support. ~~(C)~~

The President: We need to keep Malval on the job. ~~(C)~~

President Aristide: I agree and have said so publicly and privately. I have told him that already and will discuss it with him again today. We must see how we can give him support. ~~(C)~~

The President: You need to give him flexibility in negotiating without throwing in the towel, he needs flexibility and our encouragement. I will be calling him to convey this same message and to urge him not to lose heart. I wanted to call you to congratulate you on your speech and to express my support for your return to Haiti. ~~(C)~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
Declassify on: OADR

CLINTON

LIBRARY PHOTOCOPY
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DECLASSIFIED
E.O. 13526, Sec. 3.5 (b)
White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006
By: [redacted] NARA, Date 10/8/2019
2013-0122-M (2.09)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
2

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

President Aristide: I understand the point you are making. Your support is important for Haiti and for the world. I cannot get far without you and I will be with you. ~~(C)~~

The President: Thank you, President Aristide. (U)

President Aristide: Thank you. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

CLINTON LIBRARY PHOTOCOPY
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~