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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Robert Malval, Prime Minister of
Haiti, on October 29, 1993 (C)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Robert Malval, Prime Minister of Haiti
Notetakers: Lawrence G. Rossin
Richard E. Feinberg
Carlos A. Burgos

DATE, TIME October 29, 1993, 12:12 - 12:17 pm
AND PLACE: Boston, Massachusetts

The President: Hello, Prime Minister Malval. (U)

Prime Minister Malval: It is nice to speak with you. (U)

The President: I wanted to call to profess my admiration and appreciation for your courageous efforts. We want to do everything we can to provide security for you. Stay on! and keep working. I talked earlier with President Aristide about ways to improve his support for your negotiations. You are correct to explore new options. We are going to maintain our sanctions. I would like your views on how we might tighten them and I want to know what we can do to support your efforts. (C)

Prime Minister Malval: First let me express my family's and my deep appreciation for your concern. I am with Ambassador Swing and the other Ambassadors now discussing the problems in this country. In your speech at 3:15 today, it will be important to know that the United States will not back away from the process. I know you are a "Great Communicator" -- I followed your campaign -- and can make this message heard. Regarding sanctions, I think it is best that they be left as they are and leave in place the threat of further sanctions. That threat is clearly understood by those in power here. (C)

The President: That's good advice and I think I'll take it. In your remarks this afternoon tell your people that I called and that we are with you and that the United States will stay the course and not back off sanctions. You should keep working with Ambassador Swing. He is a good man and was eager to get down there. So again, I'm concerned and want to support you. Stay in office, we need you there. I'm not sure I can work this out if you are not there. (C)

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Prime Minister Malval: I will try to do so. I need to open the first door first, then the rest will follow. We have very many good people here who want to serve, but our country must change as the world is changing. You are the most important piece of this puzzle and your concern is the number one factor in resolving this crisis. ~~(C)~~

The President: I'll stay with you. Look to Ambassador Swing for advice and counsel and I am available any time if you wish to reach me. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Malval: Thank you. I want to say how happy I am to have Ambassador Swing by my side here. (U)

The President: Thank you. (U)

Prime Minister Malval: Thank you. Goodbye.

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