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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Prime Minister John Bruton of the
Ireland (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Bruton

Notetakers: Mary Ann Peters, Mary Canty,
Pete Huggins and Larry Wright

DATE, TIME June 6, 1996, 1:16 - 1:20 p.m.
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Hello John. (U)

Prime Minister Bruton: Hello Bill. (U)

The President: I just want to let you know you've got the best
damn Muzak in the world. We don't have Tchaikovsky over here.
I'm in much better humor than I was 30 seconds ago. (U)

Prime Minister Bruton: You had to listen to Tchaikovsky, that's
shocking. (U)

The President: How are you? (U)

Prime Minister Bruton: Very well. Thank you very much for
phoning. We've had good news. Things are coming through for the
talks. We are very grateful that George Mitchell is going to be
involved. The role he is playing is important for the success of
the talks. (U)

The President: He's a good man. You've done a good job. (U)

Prime Minister Bruton: Thank you for the sustained interest Tony
Lake and others in your administration have shown over the last
few days. We have not lost hope that there may be an IRA cease-
fire by Monday, it's still possible. There is a meeting between
our officials and Sinn Fein in the next hour.

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The President: We will do everything we can and call some of their best friends over here. Most American-Irish are 100 percent with you and Major on the agreement for decommissioning and the role of Mitchell. I fully support the position you have taken that Sinn Fein cannot participate in talks unless the IRA agrees to a cease-fire. If it hadn't been for the bombing, it would be much easier. We will do all we can in the next few days, all we can do to build momentum. You've given me one little job, what else can we do? (C)

Prime Minister Bruton: EO 13526 3.3(b)(6), 3.3(b)(9)

The President: We've been hitting them hard on it. We'll keep doing what we can. (C)

Prime Minister Bruton: Thank you very much. I'm looking forward to seeing you during the Irish presidency of the EU. (U)

The President: That's right. And also, Mary Robinson is visiting next week. We'll try to show her a good time. (U)

Prime Minister Bruton: Thank you very much, Bill. Good-bye. (U)

The President: Good-bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --