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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Havel of the Czech Republic

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Havel

Notetakers: Larry Wright, Bonnie Glick and Tom Crowell

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AND PLACE: Los Angeles, California

The President: Hello.

President Havel: Hello.

The President: I just wanted to call and see how you're doing.

President Havel: I am very glad to hear you, Bill, I'm in Innsbruck, Austria.

The President: I know, I've been keeping up with you and wanted to see how you are doing.

President Havel: Yes, my situation is much better and I hope the day after tomorrow I can go back to Prague. Thank you very much for calling.

The President: I wanted to say how happy I was about the Senate vote on NATO. I knew you would be happy.

President Havel: Our government and our parliament, both chambers, have now ratified. We know the important role you and Madeleine, and the whole Democratic Administration played in the enlargement process. We thank you very much because it is a big deal, not only for our three countries, but also for the future

peace in all of Europe. I spoke about it many times and you know about it.

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President Havel: Hello?

The President: Hello, I'm sorry we got cut off.

President Havel: I was speaking about the big thanks which we all owe to your Democratic Administration, and you personally, and Madeleine for enlargement. It is a big deal. You did much not only for our three countries but for future peace in all Europe. Thank you very much.

The President: You're welcome. You know, I had a wonderful experience trying to get this done. I have enjoyed every time you and I are together, and I'm glad to hear you sounding better. You sound strong. Give my regards to your wife.

President Havel: Thank you very much, she is sitting here with me, I greet her and she greets you too, and please send my greetings to your wife and Chelsea.

The President: Thank you, I will. I hope to see you soon.

President Havel: You are always welcome in Prague. Hillary has certainly explained to you how easy it is to have a private, rather than a political visit.

The President: Thank you so much.

President Havel: Thank you for calling me, and I wish you everything good in your hard work.

The President: Thank you. Goodbye friend.

President Havel: Goodbye, goodbye.

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