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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Mitterrand of France on
November 24, 1994

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Francois Mitterrand

Interpreter: Carol Wolter
Notetakers: Alexander Vershbow/Don Kerrick

DATE, TIME November 24, 1994, 11:52 - 11:55pm, Camp
AND PLACE: David

The President: Hello Francois. (U)

President Mitterrand: Good evening. I am calling as I told you
I would yesterday. What is your thinking? (U)

The President: As you know, there has been some progress in New
York and at NATO on establishing a demilitarized zone around
Bihac that could be enforced by NATO air power. I understand the
NAC is still discussing Bosnia. It is important to get a
decision today. My military advisors tell us a small exclusion
zone can be implemented with at most a modest increase by
UNPROFOR. I don't see the need for NATO forces as long as NATO
enforces with air power. (C)

President Mitterrand: Yes, that's more or less the stage of
information I have. But I must say I am skeptical about a larger
zone. The Serbs have ground troops and artillery and are not
afraid of the planes. But there is not much else we can do, and
I do approve of some limited measures. (C)

The President: I appreciate that. We need to do our best to
persuade the British and the others to go forward. (U)

President Mitterrand: The zone won't change much. In reality.
the Serbs have victory at hand. We must do what we can without
waiting. Do you want a NATO decision today? (U)

The President: Yes, as quickly as possible. (C)

President Mitterrand: Well, I wanted to get back to you today as
I promised yesterday. (U)

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The President: I'm glad you did. (U)

President Mitterrand: We will talk again soon. Unfortunately, we will have the opportunity to talk about this again soon. (U)

The President: Yes, Good-bye. (U)

President Mitterrand: Good-bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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