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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Chancellor Kohl of Germany on
June 4, 1993

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Chancellor Helmut Kohl
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DATE, TIME June 4, 1993, 9:11 am - 9:25 am, EDT
AND PLACE: Oval Office

Chancellor Kohl: Good morning Bill, how are you? (U)

The President: Good morning. I am delighted that you called.
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Chancellor Kohl: Actually, there is nothing in particular on my mind now. All of us have similar problems on our minds. We need more money but there is not enough in our treasure chest and we must solve it. (C)

The President: I feel good about our economic program. It has passed the House and we are now working on the Senate. We are experiencing a boom in home building and a drop in unemployment. If the economic program passes, the U.S. will enjoy better economic growth and this in turn will help Europe. (C)

Chancellor Kohl: That sounds very good and that will have an effect on the economy here. I just wanted to give a note of encouragement to you. This is really the purpose, to give you a little bit of encouragement for this is my experience too. I hope we will get out of the doldrums by the end of the year and hope we will get out of the recession by the end of the year. It has a bad effect on building in Eastern Germany but I still believe we can push through on progress over there. We'll get through all this with a certain amount of patience and I just wanted to tell you that it is of great importance that you be successful in your program as it will have an effect on our economy. I also wanted to offer that we coordinate our efforts before Tokyo. If it is OK with you, our staff members could get together to form a common strategy. (C)

The President: This is very important. We must make good use of the G-7 summit and avoid just making another bland statement. I think we need to announce a broad market access program that Japan will support. We also need to forge a united G-7 approach

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on aid to Russia. In particular, we need a privatization fund. We are committed to contributing 500 million dollars and we want you and others to do the same. (U)

I also want to thank you for your support on our proposal to lift the arms embargo. The Joint Action Program is an interim measure; we need to keep pushing for French and British cooperation. This plan will buy time for sanctions to work. (U)

But I want to stress that the most important topic for us is completion of the Uruguay Round. Since Yeltsin will be there, we must also have a G-7 plan for Russia. And our plan for Bosnia must be more unified and firmer than it is now. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: Bill, within the next few weeks I will send a new member of my staff to Washington to meet with some of your people and I think it will be good if he can give you the details about a shift of the French position or at least a slight shift. If we all do some more work I think that we can make some more progress before Tokyo. This same member could also talk about details for Tokyo. Once he's back in Bonn we can get back on the telephone and talk about what we think about Tokyo. I think this is your first G-7 summit and I want you to know, just as I told you in the Oval Office, that your success is my success and that we should coordinate on as much as possible. (U)

The President: I agree. I look forward to seeing your staff person. My people will be ready. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: Very good. Thank you for your time and have a good weekend. (U)

The President: I will have a better weekend after speaking to you. Goodbye. (U)

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