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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Yeltsin of Russia

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Boris Yeltsin
Interpreter: Peter Afanassenko
Notetaker: Beth Sanner

DATE, TIME April 26, 1993, 1:50 - 1:58pm
AND PLACE: Residence

The President: Boris? (U)

President Yeltsin: I'm listening. (U)

The President: Congratulations on a splendid victory. (U)

President Yeltsin: I thank you Bill. It was a big victory indeed. (U)

The President: I'm about to issue a statement in support of your policies. I want you to know that we're in this with you for the long haul. We made some significant progress in Vancouver and Tokyo. We'll keep working here to be supportive. If there is anything I can do for you here, please let me know. (✓)

President Yeltsin: I'm really grateful for your wise policy. Indeed it is a policy of a very wise man. You know it is really tough to get a victory like this under these conditions. But we are up to 62 percent in support of the referendum. You know yourself very well just how tough it is to be put in elections under the conditions of a referendum. I know you understand this well. At the same time, I am gratified that the people have confirmed their attitude toward reform and the Presidency. A major part of the credit goes to you and what you said when we met in Vancouver. I am very grateful. It is not only our common task, it is a common battle and a common victory. (✓)

The President: Thank you. I know you're tired and should get some rest. I'm very happy with the outcome. But there are going to be some tough weeks and months ahead. You must keep up your spirits and your strength. I want you to know that the U.S. will be there with you. (✓)

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President Yeltsin: I thank you for the call. It is very important for my spirits. I thank you not only for me and my wife, but for all the Russian people. (U)

The President: Thank you and good night Boris. (U)

President Yeltsin: I want you to know that all the Russian people were pleased with our meeting in Vancouver. They really understood your sincerity. The people of Russia felt close to you as the President of the United States, the most powerful nation in the world. (U)

The President: I felt close to the Russian people too. I think the referendum showed that the Russian people understood what was at stake. I'm going to do all I can to work with you to make this world a safer place for our children. (U)

President Yeltsin: I think the two of us will be able to do this. (U)

The President: That's great. (U)

President Yeltsin: I thank you for your call and your great attitude. (U)

The President: Thanks. (U)

President Yeltsin: I hug you from the bottom of my heart. (U)

The President: Why thank you. Good night. (U)

President Yeltsin: Goodbye and good night. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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