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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Boris Yeltsin of Russia
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PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Boris Yeltsin of Russia
Interpreter: Dmitri Zarechnak
Notetaker: Nicholas Burns

DATE, TIME May 2, 1993, 8:45 - 8:51am
AND PLACE: The Residence

The President: Hello, Boris, can you hear me? (U)

President Yeltsin: Hello, Bill. (U)

The President: Good. As you know, I've asked Secretary Christopher to come see you to discuss the situation in Bosnia. Milosevich signed on to the Vance-Owen plan. We're hopeful but clear he signed because all of us are growing impatient and want a settlement. (S)

President Yeltsin: I know that and I am hopeful for May. I'll discuss it with Secretary Christopher. (S)

The President: It is very important that between now and May 5 we all say the same thing. I want to keep pressure on and I hope that we stay united. Especially, if you could make it clear that the Bosnian Serbs must not derail the process. We need specific steps to end the fighting and solve the problems. (S)

President Yeltsin: We will have to wait until May 5 when we articulate our position. (S)

The President: I hope by then we'll also see further progress. (S)

President Yeltsin: It would be nice indeed. (U)

The President: Whatever is done, we will have to do it together. I want to mention a special word of praise for Vitaly Churkin. All of my people say he has been very helpful. (S)

President Yeltsin: Yes, of course. Our positions should be joint and we should take identical actions. It is important for the world on May 5 that we reach agreement with Christopher on the issues. (S)

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The President: I am looking forward to the results of your meeting with Christopher. We need to keep the pressure on for a real settlement - then we'll talk again after May 5. (S)

President Yeltsin: OK, Bill. I agree with you totally. (U)

The President: Great. I'll talk to you again after a few days. Goodbye. (U)

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