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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Chancellor Kohl of Germany of
September 15, 1994

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Chancellor Kohl
Interpreter: Gisela Marcuse
Notetaker: Anne Alexander, Kenneth Baldwin,
Tim Atkin

DATE, TIME September 15, 1994: 4:35-4:45PM
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Hello. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: Hello, Bill. (U)

The President: Hello, Helmut. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: How are You? (U)

The President: I'm fine, thank you. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: I thought a lot about you today and I am keeping my fingers crossed for you. If there is anything I can do to support you, I shall. (✓)

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

Chancellor Kohl: Well, Bill, if you are looking in from the outside, as I do, I feel you can't really go back without losing face. You must do it resolutely and your military people must do it skillfully and wisely. Then when it goes well, you will get support. If you do it tonight, I will make a statement tomorrow. (✓)

The President: Yes it is a tremendous problem. There is very little support in the U.S. for taking action in Haiti. I think they are in an inward looking mode. Since Haiti is close-by, they are not sure what effects intervention in Haiti will have on the U.S. (✓)

We have received another human rights report detailing all the rapes and abuses happening to the innocent women and children

there. As you know, the military rulers came to the U.S. last year and signed an agreement to leave that they broke. We are currently supporting hundred of thousands of refugees everyday, and if we walk away now there may be more. It is a difficult decision, not a popular one; but we can not break our word now.

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The U.N. has given the mandate and over 20 nations have agreed to support this. Tonight I am going to say that I have called up the Reserves; I am prepared to take action and that action is imminent. The military rulers will leave one way or another.

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Chancellor Kohl: As I said, if you act tonight, I will make my support public tomorrow. (Ø)

The President: Thank you. That would be very, very helpful.

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Chancellor Kohl: I'll do that. You can rely on that. I agree, I don't think anything else will work. They won't see the light. Maybe they can't go back either. (Ø)

The President: I hope they can. They have one more big chance.

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Chancellor Kohl: To be sure, I'm all for it. That would be the best thing, but you mustn't let them lead you on, and make fun of you. (Ø)

The President: Nope. We have a deadline. I won't change it now. (Ø)

Chancellor Kohl: If there's anything I can do, let me know. People will criticize you, and you know who they are, but you know you have friends, too. (Ø)

The President: Thank you. I know who my friends are. I was just looking at the pictures my photographer took when I was at your house in the garden. I sent them to you yesterday. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: Thanks and give my regards to Hillary. (U)

The President: Thank you. I will. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: Good bye. (U)

The President: Thank you very much. Good bye. (U)