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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Chancellor Helmut Kohl of the
Federal Republic of Germany

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Chancellor Kohl
Interpreter: Mr. Obst
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DATE, TIME February 10, 1993, 2:30-2:38pm
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Hello, Mr Chancellor. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: I'm happy to hear your voice. I hope you are well, you must have a full plate of issues to deal with. I'll keep my fingers crossed for you. (U)

The President: Yes, I have a lot to do, much as you do in Germany. I'm hoping to see you soon. (U)

I have written to you today on the issue of Bosnia and I want to raise briefly with you a couple of points. First, we will be much more engaged in the search for a diplomatic solution. I am appointing NATO Ambassador Reg Bartholomew as my representative to the Vance/Owen talks. But first Reg will go to Moscow this week and talk to Yeltsin. (S)

Second, if a fair and workable settlement can be reached, the U.S. would be willing to participate with the UN, NATO and others to implement it. We're also looking for other ways to help the humanitarian effort and hope to have some specific ideas to discuss with you soon. (S)

Chancellor Kohl: Very well. (U)

The President: The UN and the EC should keep the lead. But Reg will work with them to explore ideas that can bridge the remaining gaps among the parties. (S)

Chancellor Kohl: Yes. Very well. When the letter reaches me, I will react very quickly and write back to you. (U)

The President: I have also reiterated President's Bush's warning to Belgrade about the consequences of spreading the war to Kosovo. We want to move ahead with enforcing the No-Fly Zone to give our warnings credibility. (S)

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Chancellor Kohl: Let me just say one more sentence on the principle of the thing. There are very complicated aspects in this situation and I would like to have a close personal relationship in working with you on this problem. (S)

The President: Thank you. I will need your advice and counsel. I do believe that the U.S. should be more involved and I look forward to helping bring it to a successful conclusion. (S)

Chancellor Kohl: I hope so too. Best wishes and good day. (S)

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