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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Call from the President to  
President Alfonsin of Argentina

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
Clarke M. Brintnall, NSC (Notetaker)  
Rita Boren, Department of State (Interpreter)

President Raul Alfonsin

DATE, TIME January 23, 1989, 11:21 - 11:25 a.m.  
AND PLACE: Oval Office - Presidential Palace

The President said he was calling to thank President Alfonsin for the kind telegram on his inauguration.

President Alfonsin thanked him and wished him "all the luck in the world."

The President asked about of President Alfonsin's health.

President Alfonsin answered that he was quite well. He said that there was a problem with a regiment which had been entered by some civilians. He didn't know their ideology. He hoped that the "final battle" was taking place at that time. He then wished the President luck.

The President wished him the same. He said that he had seen a brief report this morning and hoped that it is not worrisome in terms of the stability of "your marvelous system."

President Alfonsin thanked the President for his kind words, wished him every success and said that he will keep the President and his government informed. He hoped to have the situation resolved today.

The President said that was good, adding that he had placed the call before reading about the disturbance. He said that he was glad to hear that President Alfonsin had the situation under

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control. The President wished him luck and thanked him for the courtesy of the message of the 20th.

(At this point the signal became weak and there was interference on the line)

President Alfonsin thanked the President and again wished him luck.

The President thanked Alfonsin.

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