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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President Diouf
of Senegal

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Abdou Diouf

DATE, TIME & PLACE: The White House, January 24, 1150 a.m.

President Diouf opened the conversation by expressing his "fraternal greetings" to President Bush.

President Bush responded by thanking the Senegalese president for his congratulatory note of January 20.

President Diouf indicated the message was sent not only to "the greatest nation on earth," but also to his "close friend."

The President agreed, "Yes, we are friends, and we want to continue that." President Bush went on to say that when matters come up in bilateral relations between our two countries, he hoped that President Diouf would call him. "There have been some small things that could have been avoided if we had talked," President Bush opined.

President Diouf exclaimed, "Absolutely....I fully agree!" He said he will not hesitate to contact President Bush, and he added that he will not "abuse" the privilege.

President Diouf was asked if he knew the President's designates as Secretary of State, Mr. Baker, and National Security Advisor, General Scowcroft. President Diouf replied that he had met Baker at an international monetary meeting, but he had not had the opportunity to meet General Scowcroft.

President Bush stated that he wanted President Diouf to meet these two key people. The President stressed that he is in

"total accord" on foreign policy issues with both of them. He reiterated that he wanted Diouf to get to know them.

President Diouf responded that he would be happy to meet with the senior associates of President Bush.

President Bush then inquired as to the state of President Diouf's health.

President Diouf answered by saying he is in very good health, and then commented that having watched him on TV, President Bush appears to be very "fit."

The President agreed but said he needs to run more often. He concluded by saying he simply wished to pay his respects to President Diouf, to say how much he values his friendship, and to thank him for his kind note.

President Diouf expressed once again his "loyal friendship" to President Bush, and asked that he convey best regards to Mrs. Bush.

The President said he would indeed tell Mrs. Bush, and asked President Diouf to extend best wishes from Mrs. Bush to Mrs. Diouf.

The Presidents exchanged good byes.