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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation Between the President and President-Elect Carlos Andres Perez of Venezuela

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Clarke M. Brintnall, NSC (Notetaker)
Rita Boren, Department of State (Interpreter)
President-Elect Carlos Andres Perez

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: January 24, 1989, 4:43-4:49 p.m.
The Oval Office - President-elect Perez' Office, Caracas

The President said that it was good to hear from President-elect Perez and thanked him for his message of January 20.

President-elect Perez thanked the President for the call and said he is off to a good start.

The President said he is looking forward to working with President-elect Perez and that he is sending the Vice President, the second highest official in our government to Perez' inauguration. This signals the importance the President places on the inauguration.

President-elect Perez said that he is honored that the Vice President has been designated to represent the President and that he is looking forward to close cooperation between our two countries.

The President said that their meeting had gotten them off to a good start and that he is looking forward to hearing Perez' thoughts on bilateral issues, Central America and others.

President-elect Perez said that for him, the meeting was important and encouraging and that he shares the President's concern over our problems and Central America. He promised to

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maintain close contact and will deal with the Vice President on the issues of Panama and Central America during the inauguration.

The President said that this was very encouraging and that he looked forward to hearing from the Vice President following his trip. He then wished Perez the very best for February 2.

President-elect Perez thanked him and assured the President of his close cooperation.