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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President Bendjedid of Algeria

PARTICIPANTS: The President
 President Bendjedid
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 The Oval Office

The President: How are you?

President Bendjedid: Well, and how are you?

The President: Very well. If I sound different, it's because I have a cold. My voice is a little hoarse.

President Bendjedid: I hope you get over it quickly.

The President: I am calling to thank you for your warm greeting on my inauguration. I recall with great pleasure our personal and special relationship which I want to continue now that I am President.

President Bendjedid: Thank you so much. It is a great pleasure for me to speak to you. Our friendship, which is both personal and professional, is important for the present and future development of our relationship.

The President: I hope you will contact me if you have any problems. I will never forget that luncheon that you hosted in your home with your wife for Barbara and me. It was very special and left me with a lasting impression. Someday soon I hope to reciprocate.

President Bendjedid: Thank you. I would be honored to contact you when the need arises for an exchange of views on issues if it is warranted.

The President: Good. Thank you again for your message. I look forward to working with you.

President Bendjedid: I too, with great pleasure.

The President: Au revoir, mon ami.

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