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MEMORANDUM ON CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation: The President and
Cape Verdean President Aristides Pereira

PARTICIPANTS: The President
James. A. Baker, III, Secretary of State
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant of the President for
National Security Affairs
Robert Gates, Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
Herman J. Cohen, Assistant Secretary of State for
African Affairs-Designate
Robin R. Sanders, NSC staff (notetaker)

DATE, TIME: April 21, 1989, 2:00 - 2:15 p.m.
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President opened by inquiring about President Pereira's health, and stressing the excellent bilateral relations between Cape Verde and the United States. The President said that he was delighted to have an opportunity to renew his personal relationship with President Pereira, and he fondly remembered their last meeting in Brazil. The President said that the USG was grateful for President Pereira's constructive role which led to the positive outcome of the Angola/Namibia Accords. The President thanked Pereira, on behalf of the American people, for his leadership and foresight. He added that he was personally glad to be able to give President Pereira the proper credit and recognition for his role in bringing about the Angola/Namibia agreement. "You were one of a handful of people that believed early on in our policy and initiatives," the President said, "You believed that something positive could happen, and it did."

President Pereira said that he was delighted to have the opportunity to meet with the President and that it was nice to be able to see him again. He said that his health was improving and he was relieved to know that there was no serious problem with his heart. Pereira added that the treatment he has received at Bethesda Naval Hospital had been superb, and that he has been treated extremely well during his stay in the United States. He thanked the State Department for all of its assistance. "Having my medical treatment in the United States shows how much

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confidence I have in this country and the depth of the friendship I feel for the American people". Pereira inquired about Mrs. Bush's health and hoped that she was feeling better.

The President said that he appreciated the confidence President Pereira had in the United States. The President added that Mrs. Bush was in good health and that he would pass on President Pereira's good wishes. The President asked if President Pereira would be undergoing more medical tests.

President Pereira said he would be undergoing more medical treatment next week, but on an outpatient basis. He said Cape Verde was working hard to improve its economy, and inquired if the United States could assist Cape Verde in the area of human resources by granting five scholarships for Cape Verdeans to study in the United States. He also solicited the President's support in the budding relationship between Japan and South Korea. "We have a special relationship with the United States," said Pereira, "and we would be grateful if you could use your good offices with both Japan and South Korea to endorse and encourage them to pursue a relationship with Cape Verde."

The President said that he would be glad to help encourage the relationship between Cape Verde, Japan, and South Korea. He would certainly tell Japan and Korea about Cape Verde's positive role in the Angola/Namibia accords and the excellent bilateral relations that Cape Verde has with the United States. The President said that Greg Petersmeyer could certainly contact several private universities in Rhode Island and Massachusetts to see what the possibilities would be for granting several scholarships to Cape Verde. The President said that we would follow up on both issues, and let him know the outcome. In closing, the President said that he looked forward to visiting Cape Verde again.

President Pereira said that he would welcome another visit to Cape Verde by the President and Mrs. Bush.

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