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## MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Prime Minister  
Gandhi of India

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
Prime Minister Gandhi  
Notetaker: Sandra Charles

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE: October 18, 1989; 9:06 a.m. - 9:08 a.m. EDT  
The Oval Office

Prime Minister Gandhi called the President to express his concern about the San Francisco earthquake.

Prime Minister Gandhi: George, hello.

The President: How are you?

Prime Minister Gandhi: I heard the bad news about the San Francisco earthquake and wanted to call.

The President: How kind of you, sir. We are still getting reports. There are 250 dead and lots of damage. It's an information situation, trying to find out the extent of the damage.

Prime Minister Gandhi: We were worried.

The President: It is a sad situation. I know you know the area. A bridge is down and people are trapped. There is the agony of a disaster. But in this terrible period how nice to get your call. Very nice of you.

Prime Minister Gandhi: I thought I should at a time like this.

The President: I appreciate it. How are you?

Prime Minister Gandhi: Fine. I just announced elections.

The President: I saw that. On November 22?

Prime Minister Gandhi: The twenty-second and twenty-fourth.

The President: Well, good luck to you. We'll be thinking of you. My best to Sonia.

Prime Minister Gandhi: Thank you.

The President: Good-bye.