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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: The President's Telephone Call to Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez of Spain (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Felipe Gonzalez, Prime Minister
Notetaker: Robert L. Hutchings

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: November 25, 1989, 8:30 - 8:37 a.m. EST
Camp David

The President initiated the call. (U)

The President: Good morning, or rather afternoon. I wanted to see if you had any words of wisdom as I go to meet with Gorbachev. (U)

Prime Minister Gonzalez: Many thanks. It is going to be difficult. Probably the best way to help him -- to get him to let us help him -- is not to insist on the elimination of the two pacts. (Ø)

The President: Good point. (U)

Prime Minister Gonzalez: All of the policy problems, defense agreements, and border problems can go backwards if the alliances are not maintained. (Ø)

The President: I agree. The problem is that at some point one or more of the East European states may decide on their own that they want out. (Ø)

Prime Minister Gonzalez: I am sure that will happen eventually. But we need to hold off, to gain time, gain four or five years, until disarmament negotiations are further along. (Ø)

The President: That would be a good idea. It would make it easier for Gorbachev to move forward. (Ø)

Prime Minister Gonzalez: Exactly. (U)

The President: I am going over to debrief at Brussels on December 4 at the invitation of Manfred Woerner. I hope to see you there. (U)

Prime Minister Gonzalez: Yes. I probably will be making my inaugural speech on that very day. If that does not happen, I will go. Otherwise, if I must be here, I will send my foreign minister instead. (Ø)

The President: I understand. If you cannot come and would like me to send someone to see you and give you our impressions, I would be glad to do that. (U)

Prime Minister Gonzalez: I would be very grateful. I would appreciate that. (U)

The President: If you have any other ideas before Malta, I would welcome your advice. (U)

Prime Minister Gonzalez: Thank you. (U)

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