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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President Barco of Colombia (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Virgilio Barco
Notetakers: William Pryce
David Pacelli

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: November 27, 1989, 9:44 - 9:55 am, EST
The Oval Office - Barco's Presidential Office

The President: Mr. President. (U)

President Barco: Yes, good morning, Mr. President. (U)

The President: How are you, sir? I was sorry to hear about the plane crash. (U)

President Barco: Yes, it happened this morning. (U)

The President: Any word on how it happened? (C)

President Barco: Well, the plane left the airport and moments later it fell to the ground. (C)

The President: Uh huh. (U)

President Barco: I don't know whether it was an accident or some other reason. We are only now trying to see if it was an accident or the result of some criminal act. (C)

The President: I see. I would only observe that if we can be of any assistance on the technical side, let us know. We would be glad to do what we can. (C)

President Barco: Yes, thank you for offering that. The aviation company has a good reputation here. It is Avianca, the national airline. But we have little experience in investigations. (C)

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The President: Yes. It does have a good reputation. I was calling you on another subject, to talk about the preparations for the drug summit. I understand that my people have talked to your people about the location. I want to confirm my acceptance of Cartagena. It is a good thing to come to Colombia and a good thing to come to Cartagena. I look forward to the meeting, with you as the host, very much, and I thank you very much. On February 15 would be a good date. I will be in the southern part of the United States the day before and so it would be easier for me to travel then. I could leave very early on the 15th and get there in the morning and leave that night. I think that we would be able to do it in one day of meetings, but I would be anxious to hear of your opinion to see if you have a different idea. (Ø)

President Barco: Yes, we can do it in one day. You can leave very well that same day. (Ø)

The President: If we can do it in one day, it would be very helpful for our side, as I can go down and get back. Congress would be back. It will be a useful meeting and I will promise to arrive as early on the 15th as you want because I will be coming from the southern United States. (Ø)

President Barco: Fine. That would be very good, Mr. President.
(U)

The President: Ok, we will shoot for the 15th in Cartagena and try to complete the meetings in one day. (Ø)

President Barco: I think we should leave the date open for the moment. I don't want to announce it without checking with the others to see if it is ok with them. (Ø)

The President: Ok, we won't make any announcements up here. But if you can check with the other presidents and work everything out, I would like to firm up other plans. I would like you to make the announcement. You are better placed as host to do that. And I would be proud to come there to your country for this meeting. (Ø)

President Barco: When should we make the announcement? (Ø)

The President: Any time you want, but our system leaks so much up here, with all sorts of unauthorized information in the press. I would suggest that it come soon if the others agree. Insofar as you are the host, it is most appropriate that the announcement come from you. (Ø)

President Barco: I will call today the other Presidents and get back to you. (Ø)

The President: Again, I'm sorry about the plane. We do have technical people who can deal with this sort of thing. (Ø)

President Barco: Thank you. I will check with your experts.
(U)

The President: You continue your campaign against the drug traffickers and we commend you for it. I see that you got close to getting a narco-terrorist recently. (Ø)

President Barco: Yes, still the operation continues. (Ø)

The President: We are proud of your efforts. (U)

President Barco: A committee of experts will meet in Washington today. We could talk about this. (Ø)

The President: Yes. If you have one more minute, there is another subject that I would like to raise with you. (Ø)

President Barco: Of course. (U)

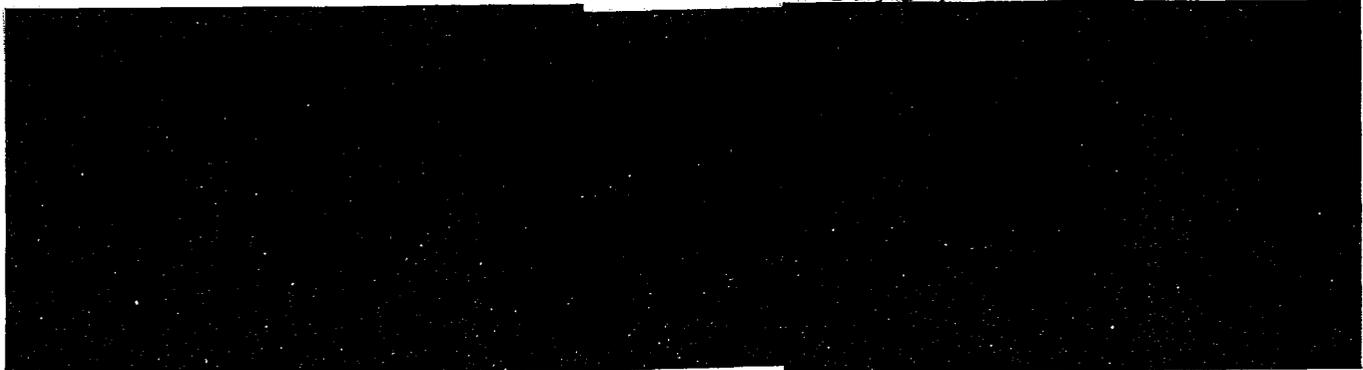
The President: Again, we commend your efforts. They are a fine example. But I have been a little worried about Peru and Bolivia. In Peru, we sort of expect that and there is the question of the terrorists. And in Bolivia there has been some criticism of U.S. assistance. We don't think Bolivia is very serious about narcotics corruption as well. May be you would be able to say something to these leaders. (Ø)

President Barco: Yes, and come to the roots and see what they want. (Ø)

The President: They say that we ought to give more economic assistance. We are making a pretty significant effort already. We have already given \$97 million. I don't want to be critical, and we want to stay together in all this, but I think we just have to point this out. In the middle of December, I am asking Aronson to visit Colombia, Peru, and Bolivia to talk about the summit. If you have a minute, I hope that you could fill him in on the details. (Ø)

President Barco: I would be pleased. If you have a date I would be happy to meet him. (Ø)

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President Barco: The preliminary committee meeting today in Washington is to make a survey of themes. I think the president of the committee, who is Colombian, could talk to Peru and Bolivia since their principals are there. (Ø)

The President: I'll report that to General Scowcroft and have that passed to our delegation. Well, I am pleased that the meeting will work out. I am pleased with all your help. I am delighted to have had the chance to talk to you. Regarding the announcement, we will wait for you, but sooner is the better. (Ø)

President Barco: I will convey your concerns on the statements. But I will also get to my Ambassador. He is leading the team at the talks in Washington. (Ø)

The President: That is fine. Thank you sir. (U)

President Barco: Thank you. (U)

The President: Sorry to hear about the plane crash; we'll be glad to help investigate. Thank you again. Goodbye. (U)