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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President Shamir of Israel

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Shamir
Notetaker: C. David Welch, NSC

DATE, TIME November 28, 1989, 3:29-3:32 p.m. EST
PLACE: The Oval Office

Prime Minister Shamir initiated the telephone call. (Ø)

The President: How are you? (U)

Prime Minister Shamir: Well, Mr. President, and how are you? (U)

The President: Well, I'm fine. Thank you very much for your letter.

Prime Minister Shamir: Thank you very much for taking the call. I know you are very busy... (U)

The President: Actually, we are very busy, getting ready for this seaborne meeting of ours. (U)

Prime Minister Shamir: I was calling to wish you a huge success for Malta. (U)

The President: Thank you. Is there anything on your account or in your area that we as friends of Israel could raise? (Ø)

Prime Minister Shamir: We are interested in their reestablishing relations with us. After they reestablish relations, we can talk about other matters. But the first thing they should do is this. I think that is your position too. (Ø)

The President: Yes. By all means, we agree; I'll raise it with Gorbachev. We would like to see it happen and that's the kind of thing we could raise. (Ø)

Prime Minister Shamir: The eyes of the world will be upon you in Malta. (U)

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The President: Well, I'm worried that there are too many expectations. (S)

Prime Minister Shamir: I am sure you will succeed. The Soviets are in such a situation that they will accept anything. (S)

The President: I'm not so sure about that, but I hope it will be a good meeting. Something like that, we would be pleased to raise it. It's very thoughtful of you to call. (S)

Prime Minister Shamir: It will serve our common cause. (U)

The President: This is a very thoughtful call, my friend. I appreciate it. Thanks very much for calling. (U)

Prime Minister Shamir: Good-bye. (U)