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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: TELCON of Conversation with Brian Mulroney,
Prime Minister of Canada (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada
Adrian Basora, NSC Staff (Notetaker)

DATE, TIME
AND PLACE: March 23, 1990, 8:05 - 8:13 p.m. EST,
Camp David

The President initiated the phone call. (U)

The President: Brian, how are you? I know our people have been talking, but I wanted to be sure that my idea of our getting together for a ball game in Toronto on April 10th was good for you. (Ø)

Prime Minister Mulroney: I think it's a great idea. (Ø)

The President: I plan to keep my entourage small so that we can focus on our substantive discussions. My idea would be to come up to Toronto a couple of hours early so that we can have plenty of time to talk. (Ø)

Prime Minister Mulroney: That sounds like a very good idea. (Ø)

The President: I would plan to bring along Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent, whom I've known for many years. (Ø)

Prime Minister Mulroney: I want you to know that I had lunch today with ex-President Reagan. He was in Toronto for a speech to business executives to raise funds for his library. I had business in Toronto the previous day and stayed overnight so that I could introduce him and look after him while he was in Toronto. He seems to be in great shape. He is not at all envious that you are doing better in the popularity charts than he was at this stage in his Presidency. He seems in much better cheer than the last time I saw him and more physically fit. (Ø)

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The President: It was very nice of you to look after him in Toronto. I look forward to seeing you. We can spend the first couple of hours getting our business out of the way and then we can relax and enjoy the ball game. (C)

Prime Minister Mulroney: Yes, we will have a lot to talk about. I would like to talk to you about the economic summit meeting I just had in Mexico. (C)

The President: I understand that the ball game is at about 7:00. Therefore, perhaps we could meet at the stadium at about 3:00 or 4:00 in the afternoon, have about two hours of meetings, then spend some time visiting with the ball players and have supper before the ball game. (C)

Prime Minister Mulroney: I was impressed with President Salinas. I think that, in June, he will propose a free trade agreement with the U.S., something like the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement. He also seems very glad that Canada has joined the OAS. (C)

The President: Yes, I agree that Salinas is a good man and I will look forward to hearing about your meeting with him. (C)

-- End of Conversation --