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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S
TELEPHONE CALL TO PRESIDENT AYLWIN

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2. BELOW IS TEXT OF MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION OF
PRESIDENT BUSH'S TELEPHONE CALL TO PRESIDENT AYLWIN.

BEGIN TEXT:

DATE, TIME MARCH 30, 1990, 9:53 - 10:00 AM EST

PRESIDENT BUSH TELEPHONED PRESIDENT AYLWIN TO CONGRATULATE
HIM ON HIS INAUGURATION AND WISH HIM WELL.

THE PRESIDENT: MR. PRESIDENT. WELL, HOW ARE YOU?

PRESIDENT AYLWIN: VERY WELL, THANKS BE TO GOD. I'M
BEGINNING THE DIFFICULT TASK IN FRONT OF ME, BUT STARTING
WITH A GREAT DEAL OF FAITH.

THE PRESIDENT: WELL, THERE WERE A COUPLE OF SMALL POINTS
I WANTED TO RAISE WITH YOU. FIRST, TO SAY IN PERSON WHAT
I SAID IN MY MESSAGE TO YOU, THAT WE'RE EXTREMELY PROUD OF
YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

SECOND, I VERY MUCH APPRECIATED YOUR COURTESIES TO VICE
PRESIDENT DAN QUAYLE DURING HIS TRIP TO CHILE. HE SPENT A
LOT OF TIME WITH ME GIVING ME A PERSONAL DEBRIEFING ON HIS
WONDERFUL TRIP.

LASTLY, TO SAY THAT I'M VERY PLEASED WITH THE DEMOCRATIC
EVOLUTION TAKING PLACE IN CHILE; AND PLEASED YOU'RE THE
PRESIDENT OF A WONDERFUL COUNTRY. WE'RE DELIGHTED THAT
THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRACY IN YOUR GREAT COUNTRY IS BACK ON
TRACK. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.

PRESIDENT AYLWIN: IN THE FIRST PLACE, I WANT TO EXPRESS
MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR CALL. SECOND, FOR THE KIND WORDS
YOU EXPRESS AND THE GOOD WISHES, AND YOUR DESIRE FOR
COOPERATION WITH US. IT WAS A PLEASURE TO RECEIVE THE
VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT QUAYLE AND TO TALK TO HIM ON
MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. FINALLY, I WANT TO REITERATE
THE DESIRE OF THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT TO DO ALL POSSIBLE
TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT TROUBLE OUR RELATIONS.
WE ARE ADVANCING SERIOUSLY IN SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO
THESE PROBLEMS, AND HOPE THERE WILL SOON BE EVIDENCE OF
THIS.

THE PRESIDENT: WHAT ARE YOUR MAIN PROBLEMS? IN THE
ECONOMIC FIELD, MAINLY?

PRESIDENT AYLWIN: I WAS REFERRING MAINLY TO THE MUTUAL
PROBLEM IN CONNECTION WITH THE LETELIER CASE AND HUMAN
RIGHTS.

THE PRESIDENT: I UNDERSTAND.

PRESIDENT AYLWIN: IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, I THINK AND HOPE
THINGS WILL MOVE WELL AND CONTINUE.

THE PRESIDENT: WELL, I DON'T WANT TO HOLD YOU TOO LONG.
YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB, AND ALL THAT I WANTED TO DO WAS
WISH YOU WELL. IF YOU NEED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME ON ANY
ISSUE, DON'T HESITATE TO PICK UP THE PHONE AND CALL ME
DIRECTLY.

PRESIDENT AYLWIN: I APPRECIATE THIS ENORMOUSLY, AND WANT
TO TELL YOU THAT YOUR WORDS HAVE NOT FALLEN ON DEAF EARS.

THE PRESIDENT: GOOD LUCK AND MY SINCERE THANKS AND
CONGRATULATIONS.

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PRESIDENT AYLWIN: I WOULD LIKE TO RAISE ONE MATTER. I'VE HAD NEWS THAT THE PRESIDENT IS PROPOSING TO VISIT SOME COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA IN THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR. FOR US IT WILL BE A GREAT HONOR AND WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU.

THE PRESIDENT: WELL, THERE IS DISCUSSION ABOUT A TRIP TO THE SOUTH. I'VE NEVER BEEN TO CHILE. IF YOU AGREE, WE'LL PASS THIS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, JIM BAKER, AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER, GENERAL SCOWCROFT, TO WORK ON. YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING MORE. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT I WOULD BE WELCOME, AND I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO MAKE THE TRIP.

PRESIDENT AYLWIN: THIS IS VERY GOOD NEWS, AND MAKES ME VERY HAPPY.

THE PRESIDENT: GOOD LUCK, AND GOOD-BYE.

PRESIDENT AYLWIN: (IN ENGLISH) THANK YOU AND GOOD-BYE.
END TEXT.

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