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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President Violeta Chamorro of Nicaragua (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Violeta Chamorro, President of Nicaragua
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AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President telephoned President Chamorro to congratulate her on the passing of the legislation for aid to Nicaragua. (U)

The President: Senora Presidente, como esta (Mrs. President, how are you), how are you Violeta? (U)

President Chamorro: How are you, dear Mr. President? (U)

The President: I am calling you to say that finally we have approved the aid bill. It has not been signed yet but it will be later today or tomorrow. It is strictly a question of paperwork now. But the bill has been approved and the money will be on its way very, very soon. (φ)

President Chamorro: Thank you very much, Mr. President. God bless you. And I hope that the signature can come this afternoon. (φ)

The President: Well, if not this afternoon then tomorrow; and it is strictly paperwork. I am going up to see Barbara in Maine this afternoon and they will send the paperwork to me when it's done and I will sign it then. I see that the Senate has also approved my new Ambassador. They acted very fast, it all came at the same time. I wish they would have gone as fast on the aid bill. Listen, we are all proud of you. When you get the money, if you have anything you need to talk to me about, any additional problems, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I am looking forward to seeing you some time along the way. (φ)

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President Chamorro: I understood everything you said, even in English. I would like you to give Barbara a big hug for me. It's a miracle, it really does seem like a miracle that all the Democrats and the Republicans have come together to approve the aid to Nicaragua and Panama today because it is the 30-day anniversary -- one month -- for me and my government. I am going to take advantage of this and go public to appeal to the Nicaraguan people. This will be a stimulus for the people of Nicaragua to work hard on agriculture and humanitarian activities. It will really be an encouragement for the people of Nicaragua. (Ø)

The President: Well, keep up the good work. Barbara and I take great pride in what you are doing and Jebbie does too. We are all proud of you. From all the Bush family, and the whole country, we are proud of you. We are all pulling for you, and good luck. (Ø)

President Chamorro: Muchas gracias. I want to send you a hug and a kiss. Thank you and God bless you all. With friends like you, I am always thinking of you. (U)

The President: Muchas gracias, mi amiga. Good bye and good luck. (U)

President Chamorro: God bless. (U)