

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President
Guillermo Endara of Panama (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Guillermo Endara, President of Panama
Notetaker: Cornelius F. O'Leary

DATE, TIME May 25, 1990, 10:09 - 10:13 a.m. EST
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President telephoned President Endara to inform him of the passing of the appropriation for Panama. (U)

The President: I was calling to tell you that the Congress passed the appropriation for Panama last night. I intend to sign it as soon as it reaches my desk; probably today while I'm in Maine or maybe tomorrow. I'm sorry it took so long. (Ø)

President Endara: Thank you for the effort. We were confident that this was going to go through, we know there are delays in a democracy, where you have two parties -- we were very, very confident of the U.S. (Ø)

The President: Well, it was a bipartisan effort. Good luck. I don't know exactly when the funds get transferred, but we'll speed that up. I hope to get the paper signed today, it is a done deal. (Ø)

President Endara: Very good. Vice President Billy Ford would like to say hello to you. (U)

The President: Wonderful, would love to say hello to him. (U)

Vice President Ford: Mr. President -- God bless you for all your support. (U)

The President: Well, thank you -- I'm just embarrassed that it took so long. I appreciate your understanding. I'm just glad it's finished: God bless you and keep up the good work. If there is anything we can do from here, let us know.

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Vice President Ford: Wonderful, we will make proper use of the funds. We won't let you down. I'll talk to the other members. You've been a real leader. (S)

The President: Your visit and the President's visit here also helped. Good luck! Keep up the great work for democracy. (S)

Vice President Ford: Thank you very, very much and give my best to Mrs. Bush. (U)