

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DECLASSIFIED
PER E.O. 12958,
AS AMENDED
2000-0429-F
Jc 8/21/09

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President
Luis Alberto Lacalle of Uruguay (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Luis Alberto Lacalle
Notetaker: Donald C. Johnson

DATE, TIME June 28, 1990, 8:28 - 8:33 a.m. EST
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Señor Presidente, como está? (U)

President Lacalle: Very well, Mr. President. (U)

The President: How nice of you to call. (U)

President Lacalle: I wanted to tell you that we are so enthusiastic about your initiative. I decided to telephone you, because I thought a telegram would be cold. (U)

The President: It's very nice of you to call. I hope when all the details are put in place, it will help our hemisphere. (U)

President Lacalle: It is a very bold and important initiative. You've put things in the right direction, especially when you said that the U.S. would not overlook this hemisphere. (U)

The President: I'm glad you noticed that because I've had questions from many people in Latin America about us shifting our interest to Europe. I wanted to send a clear message to our hemisphere, as well as to Europe. I'm glad you picked up on this point. We realize this is important. (U)

President Lacalle: The message is loud and clear, Mr. President. (U)

The President: We'll follow up with the European people as best we can. You know that the Europeans are on me all the time to help Eastern Europe. I'm going to keep after them to give attention to the very important events taking place in our hemisphere. (U)

CONFIDENTIAL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

2

President Lacalle: On the perspective of your trip, it is good to prepare the climate. In this regard, I only yesterday sent you a letter putting into perspective our ideas about it and what could be accomplished in Uruguay. You will be receiving it soon.
(C)

The President: I look forward to seeing it. General Scowcroft is here with me, and he will be alert to get it. We will see that he and the Secretary of State have the opportunity to study it. (C)

President Lacalle: I was sending the letter yesterday, when you were making your speech. It was a providential thing. (C)

The President: It is very thoughtful of you to call and I appreciate your thoughts. (U)

President Lacalle: I thought it was more personal than a telegram. (U)

The President: Best respects to your and your family. (U)

President Lacalle: I'm looking forward to September. (U)

The President: So am I. So am I. (U)

President Lacalle: Good-bye, Mr. President. (U)

The President: Good-bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~