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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President
Carlos Saúl Menem of Argentina (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Carlos Saúl Menem
Notetaker: Donald C. Johnson

DATE, TIME June 28, 1990, 5:08 - 5:12 p.m. EST
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Hello? (U)

President Menem: Hello. (U)

The President: Mr. President, how are you? (U)

President Menem: Very well. I send you a strong abrazo and my
greetings to your wife. (U)

The President: She just left here. But she heard you were
calling and sends you her best. (U)

President Menem: Thank you. I want to greet and congratulate
you for the speech you gave yesterday to the Ambassadors of the
Americas. Regarding a free trade area from Alaska to Tierra del
Fuego, this encourages us to continue our efforts toward
continental integration. (U)

When you come down in September we'll discuss this more in depth.

The President: I appreciate your phone call, and look forward to
seeing you in September. (U)

President Menem: We do also. The government and people of
Argentina are waiting for you with open arms and thank you. Many
thanks for turning your eyes to the Americas. (U)

The President: We can't forget our own neighbors in this
Hemisphere. I appreciate your kind words. I understand you are
having a birthday soon. (U)

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President Menem: Many thanks. Monday is my birthday. I value this greeting from you very much. (S)

The President: Well, that's great. You're still a young guy. I wish I were as young as you are. (S)

President Menem: You carry your years better than I do. (S)

The President: I don't know about that. I'm off tomorrow for the seaside to finish my briefings for the NATO Summit and the Houston Summit. (U)

President Menem: I wish you, dear George, the best success. You can count on our support and collaboration. I wish you the best of success. (U)

The President: Thanks a million for this phone call, and I look forward to seeing you in September. Good-bye. (U)

President Menem: Good-bye, good night, and good luck. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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