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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Francois Mitterrand of France (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Francois Mitterrand
Foreign Minister Roland Dumas
Adrian Basora, Notetaker, NSC Staff
Carol Wolter, Interpreter

DATE, TIME: January 9, 1991, 12:02 - 12:06 p.m.
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Francois, comment allez vous? (U)

President Mitterrand: I am very glad to hear from you. I received Jim Baker yesterday. I will be making a statement to the French people soon regarding our talks. I am calling to see what has come out of the talks in Geneva. (S)

The President: Not much so far. At this juncture, there is nothing new, although the talks are continuing after the luncheon break. So far, Tariq Aziz has simply done a repetition of Iraq's existing positions and a review of the history of the situation. (S)

President Mitterrand: Then we will need to continue to follow the situation. (S)

The President: I appreciated your seeing Jim Baker. He has briefed me on his talks there. (S)

President Mitterrand: I am thinking of a demarche, as I discussed with Mr. Baker. In speaking to the French people, I will repeat the same principles which we have continued to uphold. So, Saddam Hussein is not making any proposals? (S)

The President: No, none at all. Saddam Hussein has made no proposals, but they are still meeting in Geneva. Shall I call you after the Baker/Aziz meeting is over? (S)

President Mitterrand: If you would be willing to. I will be at the Elysee until late this evening. (S)

The President: You are cutting out; I can't hear the interpreter. (S)

Foreign Minister Dumas: I am the interpreter. (Repeats what Mitterrand had said.) (S)

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President Mitterrand: I meant what I said to Jim Baker yesterday. We are in the same position. (S)

The President: If you like, I will call you later today if it is not too late for you. Au revoir, Francois. Au revoir Roland. (S)

-- End of Conversation --