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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Prime Minister
Constantine Mitsotakis of Greece

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis
Nicholas Burns (notetaker)

DATE, TIME January 14, 1991, 2:32-2:35 a.m.

AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Hello, Mr. Prime Minister. How are you? (U)

Prime Minister Mitsotakis: Hello, Mr. President. Good
afternoon. (U)

The President: It is good to hear your voice. I welcome this
call. How are things going there? (U)

Prime Minister Mitsotakis: All right. There are no problems.
We are in complete control here. (S)

The President: I am grateful for your cooperation on the Gulf. I
wanted to touch base with you on that. I have tried the peace
formula, but am discouraged now. The UN Secretary General came
back from Iraq with no apparent solution. (S)

Prime Minister Mitsotakis: I know that. I have the same
impression. I wanted to say that I support your policy one
hundred percent. (S)

The President: Thank you. You recognize that we have had many
contacts with your neighbor. This will in no way put your
government at a disadvantage. (S)

Prime Minister Mitsotakis: I understand completely. There is no
problem. Greece is with the U.S. at every critical moment. (S)

The President: I am still hoping for a peaceful resolution. But
I want to tell you as a friend and ally that I am not encouraged.
Secretary Baker just left my office. He feels the coalition is
solid, but he agrees there is little prospect for a peaceful
solution. We know of no initiative that looks as if it will bear
fruit. And there are no secret negotiations behind the scenes.
(S)

Prime Minister Mitsotakis: Good. May God be with you. (U)

The President: We will do what we have to do. I give you my
profound thanks. I hope to be able to express my gratitude in
person very soon. (S)

-- End of Conversation --