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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone conversation with President Carlos Salinas de Gortari of Mexico (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Carlos Salinas de Gortari, President of Mexico
Notetaker: Donald C. Johnson

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: January 16, 1991, 9:40 - 9:42 p.m. EST
The Oval Office

The President: Hello? (U)

President Salinas: Mr. President, this is Carlos Salinas. (U)

The President: Carlos, how are you? (U)

President Salinas: I'm calling as a personal friend to wish you well at this very difficult moment. (U)

The President: Aren't you sweet to call. It was a very difficult and tough decision. I know it will be controversial. I feel comfortable. But as I said in my speech tonight, I hope it will be over soon. (Ø)

President Salinas: I heard your message. It was very clear, especially where you talked about making every diplomatic effort with regard to compliance with the UN resolutions. (Ø)

The President: You are so sweet to call. Give my love to your family. How are things going down there? (U)

President Salinas: Things are going quite well. We have strengthened our security measures on your southern border, and at ports of entry. We are strengthening our controls on the southern border. (Ø)

The President: How is everything? (U)

President Salinas: The country is calm. The majority of the population is strongly behind the full implementation of the UN resolutions. (Ø)

The President: Well, that's fine. You are a good friend, and your call really lifts me up. It's been a tough day. A long and complicated day. (Ø)

President Salinas: I wanted to express my warm personal friendship to you at this moment. (Ø)

The President: Thank you, we love you, and thanks a lot for your call. Good-bye. (U)

President Salinas: Good-bye. (U)

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