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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Toshiki Kaifu, Prime Minister of Japan on August 21, 1991

PARTICIPANTS: The President
 Toshiki Kaifu, Prime Minister of Japan
 Interpreter: Frances Seeds
 Notetaker: Torkel Patterson

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 AND PLACE: Kennebunkport, Maine

The President telephoned Prime Minister Kaifu concerning the Soviet Union situation. (U)

The President: How are you Toshiki? (U)

PM Kaifu: I am doing very well. (U)

The President: Well, I placed this call to you originally before I talked to Gorbachev, but I have since talked with Gorbachev. I had simply wanted to bring you up to date on a call I had with Yeltsin, but that is outdated now by the fast moving news. (U)

All in all, I think it is good news today. I had a very good talk with Gorbachev. He was upbeat and quite encouraged about this. (U)

I think this is a good bet. When he goes back he will not have to worry about his military right or his KGB right, if it all works out the way he and Yeltsin think it will. (U)

I know you have a lot at stake in how this all works out, that's why I placed this call. I can at least say I think it is very good news. (U)

PM Kaifu: Thank you very much. I would like to express my appreciation for your leadership and also for the public support you helped generate throughout the world in bringing this coup to a possible end. I am happy to share this joyful sentiment with you at this moment. (U)

The President: Toshiki, we want you to feel included. We feel Japan is very important and a key player when we have a crisis of this nature. (U)

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PM Kaifu: I would like to say, George, that I did speak directly to Yeltsin this morning, Japan time, and I had told him to continue his present actions. I lauded his actions up to date, working very hard to bring an end to this situation. (C)

The President: Thank you and we will stay in touch on this and any other problem. I am delighted it has worked out this way and I know you are too. Again, please don't hesitate to contact me. (U)

PM Kaifu: I will also call you up to keep in touch with you regarding this and any other problems. (U)

The President: Good Luck, my friend. (U)

PM Kaifu: Thank you George.

-- End of Conversation --

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