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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Prime Minister Jim Bolger of New Zealand

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Jim Bolger
Notetaker: Douglas Paal

DATE, TIME Saturday, September 28, 1991 4:27 p.m. EST -
4:31 p.m. EST

AND PLACE: Sea Isle, Georgia

The President placed a call to Prime Minister Bolger in response to Bolger's request.

PM Bolger: Hello, Mr. President. (U)

The President: Good morning, Mr. Bolger. It is 4:30 in the afternoon here, what time is it there? (U)

PM Bolger: It is 8:15 in the morning on Sunday. (U)

The President: What's up? (U)

PM Bolger: Well you caused a stir yesterday (announcing the removal of tactical nuclear weapons from U.S. ships). It was a tremendous announcement. Well done. Thanks for the warning the other day. You went much farther than I anticipated. It was tremendous. (U)

The President: I hope this gives you an opportunity. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to get back on track, if you agree. (U)

PM Bolger: I agree. It is an opportunity to seize. And I have said so publicly. I am pleased to note that even the anti-nuclear people appreciate that your move was positive. Who knows? They might agree. (U)

The President: You were nice to call. Without sounding egotistical, the initiative was well received. The Russians; President Gorbachev, lots of others have sent in good messages.

If it benefits the people in New Zealand, that would be just great. (U)

PM Bolger: I think so, too. I am very optimistic. I will talk to my cabinet tomorrow morning. I have just arrived yesterday

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morning. As I arrived, I received a call in Auckland from my Ambassador, who said he had received a call from Richard Solomon. He gave us advance word of your announcement. Thank you very much. It was a wonderful gesture to the world, it will be great to seize the opportunity to step forward. ~~(S)~~

The President: Thank you very much. I enjoyed our get together. I do not know the internals down there, but I hope it helps clear the way. (U)

PM Bolger: Just one more thing, Mr. President. When will you have a chance to come down. I hope you will find your way to New Zealand. The trout are still there. (U)

The President: The trout are still there. Thanks a lot. Good bye. (U)

End of Conversation

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