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## MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Chancellor Kohl of Germany (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
Helmut Kohl, Chancellor  
Interpreter: Gisela Marcuse  
Notetaker: Robert Hutchings, NSC Staff

DATE, TIME: May 6, 1992, 10:19 - 10:26 a.m.  
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President: Helmut! How are you? (U)

Chancellor Kohl: I am surprised we are talking on the phone to each other. I was looking at the program of the ANPA and saw you were on the speaker's list for today. I was there yesterday for about 12 hours and gave a speech. I praised my friend George Bush. I took the floor right after the Democratic candidate. It was funny. Are you going up there? (U)

The President: No. I'll be doing it by television. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: That is very smart, very noble. (U)

The President: How are you doing at home? You showed such empathy with me regarding Los Angeles, and I was thinking of you and your strikes. How is it going? (U)

Chancellor Kohl: It is a test of strength now. We just have to be determined. The only negative aspect is that parts of our communities and Federal states are not very brave. These situations do come up; we have to get through them. (e)

The President: Exactly. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: By the way, my speech went well. The atmosphere was very good. (U)

The President: Great! I knew you would be well received. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: I listened attentively and mentioned the role of the U.S. and the things we could achieve together. We wanted to speak about Rio. Members of my staff say our cooperation is going very well. We want to have a common position on the Convention on Climate Change, and also concerning the Global Environmental Fund of the World Bank. I was thinking it would be useful if Mr. Feiter could come and talk about these issues. He will be in Washington on Monday also to discuss GATT. (e)

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The President: Yes, absolutely! Who will be coming? (U)

Chancellor Kohl: Feiter. (S)

The President: Can he talk about Rio, too? (U)

Chancellor Kohl: Yes. He is the man responsible in the Chancellery. He can talk about both Rio and GATT. (S)

The President: Great. We will insure that he has a high-level audience. Brent Scowcroft is right here, so we will take care of it. (S)

Chancellor Kohl: Yes. That is what I was going to ask. We must make some sort of breakthrough. It is important for us to know the U.S. view on the proposal by Delors. Some sort of compromise is necessary. (S)

The President: We agree. I had good talks with Jacques. Good. Thank you. I am going to Los Angeles tonight. (S)

Chancellor Kohl: Good luck. (U)

The President: Thanks for your call. (U)

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