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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Prime Minister Shamir of Israel
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PARTICIPANTS: The President
Yitzak Shamir, Prime Minister
Notetaker: Bruce Riedel, NSC

DATE, TIME May 10, 1992; 7:05 - 7:08 a.m.
AND PLACE: The White House

President Bush: How are you? (U)

Prime Minister Shamir: I am fine Mr. President. I am very happy to hear your voice. (U)

President Bush: There is much going on with the elections in both our countries. I have been in Los Angeles. I am glad we could get together on the phone. (U)

Prime Minister Shamir: I was very excited by your message to Israel on Independence Day. (U)

President Bush: I am glad to hear that. It was nice of you to call. (U)

Prime Minister Shamir: I want to thank you for all you have done for us Mr. President, especially on the immigration of our brothers from Russia and Ethiopia. You are a great humanitarian. (Ø)

President Bush: I am glad you said that. I know there are many strains in our relationship today, but I believe there is much more that is positive. (Ø)

Prime Minister Shamir: We pray for you here in Israel and for your success. We are sure you will get your goal. (Ø)

President Bush: Well thanks for that thought. It is a strange political year here -- not a pleasant one, and your prayers are appreciated. Thank you for calling. (Ø)

Prime Minister Shamir: One more thing, Mr. President. We are dedicated to the peace process. We want to continue the momentum and we want no interruption in the process. (Ø)

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President Bush: That's very good news. We are together on this. Let's get some progress on the substance now! (C)

Prime Minister Shamir: We will get some progress for sure soon. (C)

President Bush: I like that spirit. Let's do it. (C)

Prime Minister Shamir: Thanks for your call, Mr. President, and for the spirit of your message. (U)

President Bush: All the best to you. (U)

Prime Minister Shamir: You too. (U)

Goodbyes.

-- End of Conversation --

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