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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Carlos Salinas of Mexico on June 9, 1992 (Ø)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Salinas, President of Mexico
Interpreter: None
Notetakers: William T. Pryce and Robert B. Morley

DATE, TIME: June 9, 1992, 3:20 - 3:24pm DST
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Carlos? Are you there? (U)

President Salinas: Hello, Mr. President. How are you? (U)

The President: Fine. I'm calling on a social matter. I understand from the baseball commissioner that the All Star Game will be played in San Diego on July 14, and you are a baseball fan and might like to go. It would be fun for us to go to the game together. Are you interested? (U)

President Salinas: That is very interesting. Thank you for asking me. I will give a good look at my schedule and think about it and get back to you. (U)

The President: It is on July 14, I think, in San Diego. Maybe we could do something like a quiet lunch ahead of time. I am going as part of the official baseball family, with an old friend, Ted Williams. Now, I am sure I am going and would like you to join me there. (U)

President Salinas: This is very kind of you. I will check my schedule and get back to you soon. How have you been? (U)

The President: These are tough times, but I am doing OK. I understand that we had some good talks on NAFTA last week, progress was made. I remain committed to an agreement. If there is anything you think I should be doing, let me know. (Ø)

President Salinas: Jaime Serra told me that he is optimistic about a quick end to the negotiations. He said we are close now. I suggest Jaime and Carla Hills get together next week, the week of June 15, for a final meeting and a handshake, then we let the lawyers have a month to work out final language. We could then sign an agreement by October 15. We don't want to lose momentum. (Ø)

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The President: I'll talk to Carla. Did Jaime say Carla is prepared to do that? (U)

President Salinas: Jaime said it is feasible to do that. He is very optimistic after last week's meetings. (Ø)

The President: Let me see what I can do. I will talk to Carla personally. I don't want to disrupt anything she has going, or perhaps make something she is doing unsuccessful. I have Brent, Jim Baker, Nick Brady, Zoellick, Hewett, and Mulford here. Brent says Carla is feeling very upbeat about it. (Ø)

President Salinas: Hopefully, it will work. The momentum is there. (U)

The President: Believe me, no politics will interfere. Nothing is happening in the campaign that will prevent me from going ahead at the first possible opportunity. (Ø)

President Salinas: We are sending to Scowcroft a poll reported in the Los Angeles Times. It reported 60% of Mexican-Americans supported the Free Trade Agreement. Did you see it? It was in the Times about two weeks ago. (Ø)

The President: I didn't see it. In the Los Angeles Times, you say? I don't know how I missed it. (U)

President Salinas: Yes, 60% of Mexican-Americans support the treaty. (Ø)

The President: Thanks, I'll get it and look at it. Well, so long. I hope we get to see you soon. (U)

President Salinas: Best wishes to you and your family. (U)

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