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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Prime Minister John Major of the United Kingdom

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The President: John, How are you? (U)

Prime Minister Major: OK. And, you? (U)

The President: Well, we're still on the campaign trail for 48 hours more. (U)

Prime Minister Major: That indeed is the purpose of my call. I wanted to wish you a great hurrah and all of my best for the home stretch. (U)

The President: Thanks very much, John. (President cut out here.) I'm working hard to take a page out of John Major's book. (U)

Prime Minister Major: The polls seem to be going in the right direction from what I read. (U)

The President: Yes, up until today. One today is in the wrong direction. It is tied to this Iran-Contra story which just came out. All of the story is just BS, but that doesn't counter the public perception. In general though, things are still going in the right direction, and I think we are going to win. Right now we are working on the states. They are key. (U)

Prime Minister Major: Yes, I wanted to ask you about that. (U)

The President: Well, if we win all of the states that I will be visiting today and tomorrow, then we think we will win the race. But it is harder because we have the whole national media against us. I'm feeling badly because I just went on CNN and gave an interview, despite some hesitation, and I could just kick myself for one of my remarks. But we will do our best. We have come so far. I think we can do it. I think we will win. We have a real horse race now. And how are you doing, John? (U)

Prime Minister Major: Well, we have our own problems, but nothing to bore you with now. (U)

The President: Do you think we have any chances for the Uruguay Round? (U)

Prime Minister Major: I hope so. MacSharry is going to talk with Madigan today in Chicago. They may even be talking about now. I haven't told anybody else, but we have Gummer set up so if MacSharry needs a final push he'll get it from the Community Presidency. We'll push him. MacSharry has taken a number of officials with him, but none are from Delors' office, so I think this is about our best shot. (U)

The President: Thanks. I appreciate so much all of your efforts. I hope it works. How about your Maastricht vote this week? (U)

Prime Minister Major: I don't want to bore you with all of the details, but its been very ugly here and very unpleasant. I have never seen anything like it. (U)

The President: Yes, the same thing is happening here. (U)

Prime Minister Major: George, Norma is here and wants to send her love to you. (U)

The President: Norma, how are you? (U)

Norma Major: Fine, Mr. President. I just wanted to wish you all the best and to send our love. (U)

The President: Well, I appreciate that and want to say that John has been just magnificent. I am looking forward to working with him in the days ahead. (U)

Norma Major: Yes, there is so much to go through. At times, I think we're all a bit mad. (U)

The President: I agree. We could all use a rest. When we get by all of this, we should all go to a quiet lake somewhere. Barbara isn't with me now. She's in Texas going to church right now, praying about this. (U)

Norma Major: That's the best thing to do. Lots and lots of love and lots of luck from me and from the children, too. (U)

The President: Thank you very much. Good-bye now. (U)