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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Rafael Callejas of Honduras on November 24, 1992 (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Rafael Callejas, President of Honduras
Interpreter: Stephanie Van Reigersberg
Notetaker: John McShane/Charles Gillespie

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: November 24, 1992, 9:13 - 9:17am EST
The Oval Office

The President: Mr. President, how are you? (U)

President Callejas: Fine, Mr. President. How are you? I wanted to call you to express my condolences for your mother. (U)

The President: How very kind of you. We went up yesterday to the funeral. It was really a memorial service. My four boys were there, and my daughter. It was a nice service. And it's very kind of you to call. (U)

President Callejas: I also want to say that you have been a great friend of Honduras. I was personally upset about the November election. (U)

The President: Well, thank you. You sent me a nice letter. I just wrote back to you. I don't know if you've received it yet. I just signed it yesterday. I also passed a special thanks to you through your new Ambassador here. He was just in for a formal credentials ceremony. (U)

President Callejas: We in Latin America will miss you very much. You have been a great President for Latin America -- very open to us and interested in our region. We're worried. We're uncertain about the future. We hope the new President will be as open as you have been. We respect you very much and appreciate what you have done. We are very sorry that it went the way it did in November. (U)

The President: Well, I appreciate that -- it's been a little gloomy around here and, let me tell you, we'll miss it. The best part has been working with leaders like you. (U)

Let me say a little about the new President. We met the other day and talked a little about Central America -- not as much as I wanted because we had so much to talk about. I think he'll be a good President for democracy in this hemisphere. And I'm not

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saying that just to give you false assurances. He's no dummy. He's a smart fellow, and when it comes to your part of the world, I think he'll be good for the region. (Ø)

President Callejas: Mr. President, please express my thanks to Secretary Baker. (U)

The President: I'll tell him. He's not here right now. He'll be back this afternoon. (U)

President Callejas: I hope that next year -- once you get settled -- you can come down to visit us. We have good fishing down here and you are welcome anytime. (U)

The President: I've heard that. Maybe I can come down and knock on your door and have a drink sometime. And let me make an offer. Please come to Houston. We will be moving down there and, I don't want to complicate the new President's life, but you are always welcome to call on us in Houston anytime. We'd love to see you. (U)

President Callejas: Thank you. I look forward to seeing you sometime in Houston. (U)

The President: Good. Thanks for the call. Goodbye. (U)

President Callejas: Goodbye. (U)

--End of Conversation--

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