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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Carlos Andres Perez, President of Venezuela on November 27, 1992 (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Carlos Andres Perez, President of Venezuela
Interpreter: Patricia Arizo
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DATE, TIME AND PLACE: November 27, 1992, 9:05 - 9:10am EST
Kennebunkport

The President: CAP? (U)

President Perez: My dear Mr. President, it is so good to hear from you. (U)

The President: I am concerned about the news from Venezuela this morning. I wanted to call you and reassure you of our support for you and democracy in Venezuela. But first, how are things going? (Ø)

President Perez: Thank you so much, my friend, for your call. This is one side effect from the February 4 coup. This shows that there are links between the military and extremist groups. The situation now is under control. They took control of two military installations, one of which is El Libertador Air Force Base in Maracay. Some pilots took off in Broncos from El Libertador, and are flying over the city shooting from the air. The military garrisons have remained loyal. Tanks are attacking the air force base. The people who acted this time are not those who acted before, and we had doubts about some of them. (Ø)

The Armed Forces are loyal. We hope to have the situation completely under control within the next hour. I thank you again for your call and want to repeat my condolences on the death of your mother. (Ø)

The President: Oh, thank you for that. She had a good life, and I know that if anyone deserved to go to heaven, she did. (U)

We will put out a strong statement in support of Venezuelan democracy and you if you think that would be helpful. (Ø)

President Perez: That's fine. That would be good. You can never do too much in a situation like this. Many thanks. (Ø)

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The President: Thanks and good luck. We will be thinking of you. You are a good person and a leader of democracy. (U)

President Perez: Thank you. And a good abbraccio for you. (U)

The President: Keep in touch, if there is any way we can help. (U)

President Perez: I will do that. Thanks and good-bye. (U)

The President: So long. (U)

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