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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: The President's Telephone Conversation with Prime Minister Gonzalez of Spain

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Barry F. Lowenkron, NSC (Notetaker)
Prime Minister Gonzalez

DATE, TIME January 24, 1989, 11:16 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President thanked Prime Minister Gonzalez for his congratulatory message. The President said he recalled his previous visits with the Prime Minister, and looked forward to seeing him again. Prime Minister Gonzalez said he was pleased with the President's victory, and again congratulated him.

The President said he looked forward to discussing key international issues with the Prime Minister, in particular developments in Europe and in Central and Latin America. Prime Minister Gonzalez said he would be delighted to exchange views with the President. He said that, in his capacity as EC President, he would be traveling to the inauguration of Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez and would be meeting with various Latin American heads of governments.

Prime Minister Gonzalez asked whether Vice President Quayle would be attending the inaugural. The President said that the Vice President would be going to Venezuela, and asked the Prime Minister to meet with the Vice President. Prime Minister Gonzalez said he would do so.

Prime Minister Gonzalez said he looked forward to meeting the President. The President asked whether Prime Minister Gonzalez was planning to travel to Tokyo for the Emperor's funeral. Prime Minister Gonzalez said that King Juan Carlos would be representing Spain at the funeral. He then said he would appreciate the opportunity to pay a visit to Washington during the first half of this year.

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The President said that he would discuss the possibility of such a visit with General Scowcroft and Secretary Baker. He reiterated that he was anxious to meet with the Prime Minister and promised that he would try to work something out.

Prime Minister Gonzalez said he was delighted, and that he could raise the issue when he meets with Vice President Quayle in Venezuela.

The President thanked the Prime Minister again for his congratulatory message. Prime Minister Gonzalez thanked the President for the telephone call.

The conversation ended at 11:25 a.m.

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