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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: The President's Telephone Conversation with President Barco of Colombia

PARTICIPANTS: The President
David Pacelli, NSC (Notetaker)

President Barco

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: April 14, 1989, 4:56 p.m. - 4:58 p.m.
White House Tennis Court - VIP Lounge, Andrews Air Force Base

President Barco, speaking in English, said hello.

The President said, "Hello, Mr. President."

President Barco said, "How are you?"

The President said he was good. He stated that he had not expected to be in town today, but that he "had a deal" with the U.S. Senate, so he had to come back.

President Barco said he was looking forward to seeing the President.

The President said that he had heard that President Barco had given a speech and that it was "a hard hitting speech." "Everyone was talking about it." The President said he had "great identification with the problems you have down there" with drugs. He added that he had high regard for Colombia's anti-narcotics efforts.

The President said that we made an announcement about President Barco's visit in July and that the staffs of the two countries would arrange a specific date. He stated that he was looking forward to seeing President Barco and discussing topics of common interest.

President Barco said he was grateful and looked forward to the visit.

The President asked who President Barco had seen during his visit. He understood he had talked with the Attorney General and Bill Bennett.

President Barco said yes, he had talked with them both. He had a very interesting conversation with Bill Bennett about a drug summit.

The President said, "Yes, he mentioned it." The President stated, "Let's explore that idea. It is a good idea." We want to see where we come out on it, but it is a good idea.

The President asked when President Barco was going back.

President Barco said he was at the airport and was leaving today.

The President wished President Barco a good trip and that he was sorry to miss him this trip.

President Barco thanked the President and said he was looking forward to seeing the President. He said he had heard about Mrs. Bush's medical treatments and wished her well.

The President said she was doing well and that he would convey President Barco's good wishes to her.

President Barco said he wished her a fast and speedy recovery.

The President said thank you. The President repeated that he was sorry to miss President Barco on this trip and he was grateful for his kind words about Mrs. Bush.

The two presidents exchanged goodbyes and the conversation ended.

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