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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with UN Secretary General
Perez de Cuellar

PARTICIPANTS: The President
UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar
R. Rand Beers

DATE, TIME April 11, 1990, 4:56 - 5:00 P.M. EST
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar telephoned The President concerning his budget. (U)

Exchange of hellos. (U)

Perez de Cuellar: I want to ask you a favor. I'm having difficulties with my budget. (U)

The President: Yes, I'm humiliated... (U)

Perez de Cuellar: There is the \$60 million that the U.S. has not paid on its 1989 commitment. I ask as a personal favor for you to exert your influence on the Senators, especially Domenici and [did not catch the second name], that they accept the bill for UN funding. (U)

The President: I feel terrible. We're in a big fight with Congress...I will personally do all I can to see that the bill is passed when they get back from vacation...there is no excuse. We've requested the funding...Congress is being stubborn. Javier, I didn't understand what you said about the \$50 million... (U)

Perez de Cuellar: I wrote you a letter a few weeks ago, I don't know if you saw it, it's about the \$60 million still unpaid on your 1989 UN dues. (U)

The President: We can cover the funding if the bill gets through the Senate. I will personally work on it when the Senators get back...it is a priority. The U.S. ought to pay its debts...I'm sorry we've caused you this worry. Javier, when do you come home? (U)

Perez de Cuellar: I'll be in New York on Saturday. (U)

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The President: I don't know if you can talk on this line...have you heard anything on Iran? (P)

Perez de Cuellar: Well, there is nothing new. I keep insisting, believe me, I don't forget about it. (P)

The President: We certainly appreciate all your efforts. (P)

Exchange of Goodbyes.

End of Conversation

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