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SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President
Fernando Collor de Mello of Brazil (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Fernando Collor de Mello, President of Brazil
Notetaker: Donald C. Johnson

DATE, TIME June 6, 1990, 5:37 - 5:46 P.M. EST
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

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

President Collor: Mr. President, nice to talk to you. Good of you to call. (U)

The President: Good to hear your voice. I was worried about your little accident. I hope it was not serious. (U)

President Collor: It was the press that saw this happen. Everything is all right, no problem. (U)

The President: I'm pleased to hear that. The reason I am calling is to give you some comments about Gorbachev's visit, nothing you probably haven't read in the newspapers. With your permission, I will tell you. Basically the visit went well. (U)

President Collor: Good. (U)

The President: He of course recalls with fondness the visit you made. He considers you a good friend; he mentioned that. I think it is to our advantage if the Soviets improve relations in this hemisphere. In the meeting itself we talked about these issues, but no decisions came out of it. One was conventional forces in Europe and the German question. All the world has an interest in these. To a certain degree there is a linkage on those questions. Good discussion, Gorbachev is not objecting to the U.S. troop presence in Europe. He agrees with the East and West, that our presence is a stabilizing presence. We didn't have to argue about keeping U.S. forces in Europe. I understand that he has difficulty with a united Germany in NATO, but we may

have made some headway on this. Countries have the right to choose what alliance they want to belong to. Hungary says it wants to be in NATO. There was much more interest in how you deal with European unification. We are going to expand the NATO missions, to include political and economic aspects. We will meet at the NATO summit to do that. He seemed quite agreeable. (Ø)

President Collor: I think your actions on proximity with Gorbachev are fundamental for the world and for the occidental world. (Ø)

I think we can't leave Mr. Gorbachev alone. The psychological support you are giving him is very, very important. In my point of view you are conducting your foreign policy very, very well and we in Brazil agree with this scenario and are very enthusiastic. We feel that the occidental world is in good hands -- your hands. We are trying in Brazil our best efforts to introduce Brazil into the new world. We want to show people of the world who don't agree with market economy and market forces. (Ø)

The President: We are going to keep on working on this. I appreciate your kind comments about that and we will keep going. That man has enormous economic problems. We are trying to treat him with a certain respect. We don't want to show that we won and they lost. (Ø)

The man has got big problems and we want to deal with him from a position of dignity. (Ø)

I appreciate your kind words. (U)

President Collor: This morning I was with Carla Hills. (Ø)

The President: Thank you for mentioning that. I view her trip as very important. (Ø)

President Collor: She is in Brazil and we had good talks. (Ø)

The President: She is a strong woman, and economic and trade wise that is very well. I made a note to ask you to talk to her. She is very close to me and will report personally. I hope the talks were productive. (Ø)

President Collor: Of course. All of your team is very good and close to Brazil and close to my government too. (Ø)

The President: On the rest of the summit, we have differences on Lithuania which we discussed frankly. The U.S. has the position that we never recognized their incorporation into the Soviet Union. Lithuania should be free and have the right to self determination. Gorbachev spoke eloquently, saying that under the

Soviet constitution republics can secede, but they have to follow legal procedures. Lithuania says procedures take too long. We can discuss that kind of thing without anybody getting mad. They know our position, and how strongly I feel. Maybe that will make a difference. (S)

President Collor: Fantastic, fantastic it is great. Thank you very much for calling. (S)

The President: One thing -- this is your business -- we are interested in (nuclear) safeguards but do not see any movement. This is something we're in agreement with the Soviets. It causes us difficulty. Let me reiterate the importance of the Tlatelolco Treaty to us. (S)

President Collor: What? (U)

The President: Tlatelolco. (U)

President Collor: Tlatelolco; oh, yes. (U)

The President: We're interested in seeing Tlatelolco waived into force with full scope safeguards. There is great interest in that up here. (S)

President Collor: If you agree, you can give instructions to your Ambassador to talk with us. (S)

The President: All right, we can do that, I will take care of that tonight to present our case to the foreign minister.

President Collor: Perfect. (U)

The President: On a personal note, how is your beautiful wife? (U)

President Collor: Fine, thank you very much. Mrs. Bush, how is she? (U)

The President: She has this funny disease called Graves Disease but she is doing well. She swims a mile a day and is feeling better. (U)

President Collor: Nice to talk to you. (U)

The President: Best of luck. (U)

President Collor: Thank you very much. (U)

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