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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Call to President Mitterrand of France (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Francois Mitterrand, President
Notetaker: Robert Hutchings, NSC Staff
Interpreter: Alec Toumayan

DATE, TIME: September 14, 1990, 12:02 - 12:07 p.m.
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

President Mitterrand placed the call at the President's initiation. (U)

The President: Francois, I wanted to talk with you about the situation involving your Embassy in Kuwait. I simply wanted to say to you that we view this very seriously. I look at it almost as some incident against our common effort there. If there is anything I can do -- I have no idea what that might be -- but if there is anything, don't hesitate to call on me. (U)

President Mitterrand: I thank you for this, for your initiative. As you know, I am in Czechoslovakia right now. (U)

The President: I won't keep you. I just wanted to call about this. Please understand, Francois, anything you want of me, just pick up the telephone. He must know that this is unacceptable behavior. (U)

President Mitterrand: Yes, yes. I will be very glad to do so. (U)

The President: I am sorry to bother you in Czechoslovakia. I didn't realize you were there. But I am very glad to have talked with you. (U)

President Mitterrand: Let us continue. Tomorrow in Paris, I will have a cabinet meeting and will discuss this matter in detail. A number of decisions will be taken -- political and military. May I call you sometime tomorrow afternoon to let you know what we discussed? (U)

The President: It would be very useful. I am available any time night or day. I would appreciate it very much. (U)

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President Mitterrand: We are meeting at 10:30 a.m. Paris time with our cabinet. There will be a meeting Monday morning of the foreign ministers of the EC twelve. The countries of the Western European Union will meet Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Paris time to take up that issue among others. I probably will call you tomorrow to discuss it with you. I am very, very touched that you called me. (C)

The President: Thank you. I will await your call. If anything else comes up, Francois, don't hesitate to call any time day or night. And good luck in Czechoslovakia. (U)

President Mitterrand: Thank you. Goodbye. (U)

The President: Au revoir, mon ami. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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