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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone conversation with President Andres Rodriguez of Paraguay (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Andres Rodriguez, President of Paraguay
Interpreter: Stephanie van Reigersberg
Notetaker: Donald C. Johnson

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AND PLACE: Oval Office

President Rodriguez telephoned the President concerning the situation in the Gulf. (U)

The President: Hello, President Rodriguez, this is George Bush. (U)

President Rodriguez: Hello? (U)

The President: (in Spanish) Como esta? (U)

President Rodriguez: Very well, terrific. Mr. President I want to convey to you my most cordial greeting, a special greeting to you and the American people. I also want to congratulate you for your firm speech to Congress on January 29, which I was privileged to watch here via CNN. (C)

The President: Thank you for those encouraging words. We firmly believe that we're on the right course, and that we will prevail. There is a lot of understandable discussion about CNN lately. We keep hearing a lot from Saddam. I want to tell you that the war and the battle is going about on schedule, with no surprises. But I'm very grateful to you for calling me with this message of support. (C)

President Rodriguez: Not at all. I want to express the support of the Paraguayan people for the courageous and serene attitude you've adopted in this crisis. (C)

The President: Thank you very much. I remember our visit several months ago, I think it was June of last year. I wish you well and thank you for calling me. (U)

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President Rodriguez: I appreciate tremendously that you would take time to receive this call from me. Please convey my warmest feelings of esteem to your family and especially to dear Doro.

(C)

The President: Doro was here just a few minutes ago. She was going off to the hospital where she works. When she heard about the call, she asked that I send her love to you and all your family. (U)

President Rodriguez: Thank you so much, and a warm abrazo. I'm with you in all of your intentions. I know everything will go well. I'm sure of it. (C)

The President: Thanks for calling and good-bye. (U)

President Rodriguez: Good-bye. (U)

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