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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada  
Adrian Basora, NSC Staff (Notetaker)

DATE, TIME February 27, 1991, 9:20 - 9:24 p.m.  
AND PLACE: Private Quarters

Prime Minister Mulroney: Hello, George. (U)

The President: Hi. How are you? (U)

Prime Minister Mulroney: I just want to say very briefly this. I was with you in the White House before you deployed your troops in August and I just watched you tonight in the White House. And I just want to say that obviously it was a great military victory, but the military victory was eclipsed by the political leadership. Your leadership was outstanding from beginning to end in putting together the coalition, in keeping it together, in massaging it, and in making sure the execution of the war was on line. (Ø)

The President: It was nice of you to call and, of course, we're very grateful to you personally. It isn't easy to get up there with that cantankerous parliament of yours. I'm sitting here upstairs with Cheney, Powell, Scowcroft. We're having a drink and going over this. (Ø)

Prime Minister Mulroney: Have a drink for me. (Ø) U

The President: It's sweet of you to call. It's a wonderful turn of events. (Ø)

Prime Minister Mulroney: You've got all the right people there to have a drink with, because you've all done a tremendous job. I shared your feelings each time you had to call the difficult shots. I just want to say that this was political and military leadership of the highest order, and I just want to congratulate you. Please pass the congratulations to your colleagues. (Ø)

The President: I'll sure do it. Barbara is here and is sending her love. (Ø)

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Prime Minister Mulroney: Please give her my love, too. (C)

The President: I'll do it. (U)

Prime Minister Mulroney: Goodbye. (U)

The President: Goodbye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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