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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Landsbergis of
Lithuania (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Vytautas Landsbergis
Notetaker: Nicholas Burns, NSC Staff
Interpreter: Arunas Pemkus

DATE, TIME August 31, 1991, 1:07 - 1:13pm
AND PLACE: Kennebunkport, Maine

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

President Landsbergis: Hello, Mr. President. I am waiting for word from you. (U)

The President: I'm calling because I want you to know that I will make an important announcement on Monday. I think it will please you very much. (U)

President Landsbergis: I am very happy to hear that. (U)

The President: I hope that we have been doing work behind the scenes that will help you. We have a good team on this and we remain fully committed to your independence. I would appreciate your not saying publicly exactly what I intend to do but I did want you to know about it. (U)

President Landsbergis: It is very nice from your side to call me. (U)

The President: I appreciated your comments on television. I know how anxious people are for this and how anxious you must be. I am too. Your comments were very helpful. (U)

President Landsbergis: We trust in you and the U.S. at this very hard moment. (U)

The President: I am grateful for that. I do not plan to call the other leaders today but may do so on Monday. I wanted you to know about my planned announcement. (U)

President Landsbergis: Thank you. Can I inform my people of your information? (U)

The President: Please hold off on an explicit announcement. You could say that I called and that you and I had a satisfactory

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call. That would leave me some room. Please use your own judgment but it would be better for me if you just said that. (C)

President Landsbergis: I will just say to my people that we talked and you will have an important announcement on Monday. (C)

The President: That is fine. Say you expect an announcement from us. That's good. These are fascinating times and I want you to know that we are with you. (C)

President Landsbergis: These are great times here. (U)

The President: All right, sir. It is good to talk to you and best of luck. (U)

President Landsbergis: Good health to you, Mr. President. (U)

The President: We will not waver on our course. I would like to salute the great courage that you and the Lithuanian people have shown. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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