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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Telephone Conversation with
Kim Young-Sam, President-elect of the
Republic of Korea, on December 19, 1992

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Kim Young-Sam, President-elect
Interpreter: Tong Kim
Notetaker: Torkel Patterson

DATE, TIME December 19, 1992, 6:30 - 6:37pm
AND PLACE: Camp David

The President telephoned President elect Kim Young-Sam to congratulate him on his election victory in the Republic of Korea.

The President: This is George Bush calling to congratulate you on your victory in Friday's election.

Kim Young-Sam: Mr. President, I would like to extend my appreciation to you for sending me a congratulatory cable and for calling me now by telephone.

The President: You worked closely with me and President Roh to promote peace and security in Northeast Asia. My only regret is that I won't be able to meet you in person so that we could carry on this important work. But I wanted to send you my best wishes.

Kim Young-Sam: Thank you very much Mr. President. The U.S. and ROK continue to contribute to mutual prosperity and the institutionalization of peace in Northeast Asia. I think the two countries, on the basis of partnership, should continue to develop close relations. I will strive to emphasize in two fields, security and economics. I will do my best to lead into the future.

The President: I just wanted to wish you well. I think you'll get on fine with Governor Clinton. I wish you the very best for a happy new year.

Kim Young-Sam: I am certain that I will be able to work with Governor Clinton. I will do my best to further develop the bilateral relationship. I am sorry that you are leaving office soon. I am sorry not to see you as President. I want to express

my appreciation to you for all that you have done to develop good bilateral relations and to promote friendship with the Korean people. I want to extend my hopes for your good future. Please pass along my best regards to the First Lady and have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

The President: Good luck and good-by.

Kim Young-Sam: Thank you for your call.

--End of conversation--

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