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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM F. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: President's Congratulatory Telephone Call
to Prime Minister Thatcher

Based on the latest pre-election opinion polls, we expect that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party will win the British general election by a substantial margin, and we have prepared the attached talking points for the President to use during his congratulatory telephone call to the Prime Minister. The personal touch of a telephone call by the President would be very much appreciated by Mrs. Thatcher; a formal written message of congratulations would be appropriate after the final results are known and the Queen asks Mrs. Thatcher to form the new government.

If the election outcome is as we expect, the outcome should be clear by 10 or 11 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, Thursday, June 9. If the Conservative's margin is less than we expect, the outcome would probably not be known until some time Friday, June 10.

If the results are clear reasonably early Thursday night, the President may wish to call Mrs. Thatcher at No. 10 Downing Street that night. Department officers will be in touch with the appropriate NSC staff members Thursday night regarding the status of the elections and the timing of a call.

Thomas J. ...
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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Attachment:

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TALKING POINTS

-- Congratulations on your overwhelming election victory; I hope that we Republicans can emulate your success next year.

-- Yours is a victory not only for your party but also for Britain, the NATO alliance and US/British relations.

-- I have greatly appreciated your friendship, personal support and the broad cooperation between your government and my administration during the last two years.

-- Thank you again for your participation in and contribution to the Williamsburg Summit. In particular, your leadership in helping to formulate the statement on security issues was a major factor in the success of the Summit.

-- I look forward to our continued association and to strengthening and improving the ties between our countries.

-- I know that whatever differences may occur from time to time between us can be settled in a spirit of cooperation and friendship.

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