

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation Between the President and
General Dozier, January 28, 1982

At approximately 0905 hours EST January 28, 1982 the President called General Dozier in Vicenze, Italy to tell him how happy he is, and all the people of America are, that he has been freed. The President said that all our prayers have been answered.

General Dozier thanked the President and all those who have been praying for him, and also thanked the President for the consideration that has been shown his wife.

The President told General Dozier he had called Italian President Pertini to thank him for his government's massive efforts in this case.

General Dozier commented that from what he was able to observe, the operation was carried out with "a hell of a lot of precision and well organized." General Dozier also said he never had any doubt that the American people, and particularly the President, were supportive and he sincerely appreciated it.

The President told General Dozier he was proud of him and again welcomed him home.

January 28, 1982

TRANSCRIPT

PRESIDENT: General Dozier, this is Ronald Reagan.

DOZIER: Yes sir. It sure is good to hear your voice.

PRESIDENT: Well listen, you don't know how good it is to hear yours. I want you to know that all of us have been praying and the prayers have been answered and when I was awakened this morning early and told that you were back I can't tell you how happy I am and how happy all the American people are.

DOZIER: Well sir, I certainly want to thank you and all those who have been praying for the fact that they were doing it and also for the consideration that folks have shown my wife and it is just great to be back on the outside again.

PRESIDENT: Well I'll bet.

DOZIER: I sincerely appreciate the consideration and concern of everybody.

PRESIDENT: Well we're just, we're so happy and I called the president of Italy this morning to thank him for all that they've been doing, their massive effort and all and...

DOZIER: It was a first class job. The operation this morning from what I could see of it was carried out with a hell of a lot of precision and well organized.

PRESIDENT: Well...

DOZIER: I'm proud of what they did.

PRESIDENT: Well we're proud of you and God bless you and just welcome home. I won't keep you any longer because I know that you've got a great many things to do and you've been through too much to stay on the phone to me long, but...

DOZIER: I never had a doubt about the outcome and I knew that the American people were supportive in this thing, particularly you, and again I sincerely appreciate it.

PRESIDENT: Well our gratitude to you and believe me, we're all very proud of you.

DOZIER: And I also sincerely appreciate the effort of the Italian government and their folks have put...a first class job.

PRESIDENT: Again, just welcome home and happiness.

DOZIER: Thank you sir. I sincerely appreciate the phone call.

PRESIDENT: Well my pleasure. Believe me. All right...

DOZIER: All right sir.

PRESIDENT: Good bye.

DOZIER: Good bye.