

## **“Very Good Friends with Common Interests”**

**Date:** November 7, 1984

**Participant:** Ronald W. Reagan

**Participant:** Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado

**Start Time:** 01:03

**Place:** Situation Room

Following his landslide electoral victory in the 1984 U.S. presidential election, President Reagan took a congratulatory phone call from Mexican president Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado. Both leaders expressed their desire to strengthen the relationship between Mexico and the United States.

**President Reagan:** Hello?

**Miguel De la Madrid Hurtado:** Hello, Ron.

**President Reagan:** Miguel! Yes.

**De la Madrid:** Speaking. I am very happy because of your very clear and definite victory yesterday, and I want to congratulate you and congratulate the American people.

**President Reagan:** Well, Miguel, thank you very much. I’m very pleased to hear from you, and—yes, I’m [*slight chuckle*—it’s a—it was more than I had expected yesterday.

**De la Madrid:** Yes, I admire very much the strength and the efficiency of your political campaign, and I think the American people gave a very clear opinion about your goals and your policy.

**President Reagan:** Well, now we’ve—now I’ve got to live up to their . . . their faith.

**De la Madrid:** Well, I understand that it’s a great responsibility for you, and it will require a great effort from you and from Nancy [D. Reagan], but I am sure you are going to accomplish the expectations for the American people.

**President Reagan:** Well—and I look forward to continuing to work with you, Miguel.

**De la Madrid:** Yes, Ron, I am very happy of having the opportunity of continuing working with you very closely and very friendly. I think that both peoples, the American and the Mexican, are substantially very good friends with common interests, and I will put my personal effort to strengthen this relationship.

**President Reagan:** Well, I appreciate that very much, because I feel the same way.

**De la Madrid:** Thank you very much, Ron.

**President Reagan:** All right.

**De la Madrid:** Please give Nancy my best regards, and my best wishes from—for the Reagan family.

**President Reagan:** Thank you. Thank you very much—

**De la Madrid:** Good-bye.

**President Reagan:** —Miguel. And I'll look forward to seeing you.

**De la Madrid:** Fine, Ron. I will look forward to keep contact personally with you and continuing our very friendly and warm dialogue.

**President Reagan:** All right. We shall go forward together, and thank you very much.

**De la Madrid:** Good-bye, Ron. Good luck.

**President Reagan:** Good-bye. Thank you.

**De la Madrid:** Bye.

**President Reagan:** Bye.

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