

“Very Good Friends with Common Interests”

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Participant: Ronald W. Reagan

Participant: Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado

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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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“Ronald W. Reagan, Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado, De la Madrid’s Secretary, and Signal Corps Operator on 7 November 1984,” Cassette 10A.3, *Presidential Recordings Digital Edition* [*The Presidential Recordings of Ronald W. Reagan*, ed. Kent B. Germany, Ken Hughes, Guian A. McKee, and Marc J. Selverstone] (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2014–). URL: <http://prde.upress.virginia.edu/conversations/4022310>