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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President
Mohammad Hosni Mubarak of Egypt (P)PARTICIPANTS: The President
Mohammad Hosni Mubarak, President
Notetaker: C. David Welch, NSCDATE, TIME June 9, 1989, 1:20 p.m. - 1:26 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: Oval Office

After opening pleasantries, The President offered a brief readout of the visit of Prime Minister Bhutto of Pakistan. He stated that relations were good with Pakistan; he was impressed by Bhutto. PM Bhutto was firm on Afghanistan in their talks. There had been a frank discussion of Pakistan's nuclear program. PM Bhutto had asked for help in bringing India to accept a non-proliferation treaty. The President said that he had called Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi afterwards, but it did not seem that there was that much Indian interest in such arrangements. However, Indian-Pakistani relations are better, and there is some chance that the two will meet again soon. (P)

President Mubarak said that Gandhi is a good man. He said that he had advised the two leaders to keep in close touch and that he also had advised Gandhi to visit Pakistan. (P)

The President asked how the Casablanca Summit had gone. (P)

President Mubarak replied that it was a very good meeting and they were doing their best. Concerning Egypt's "neighbor", President Mubarak said "don't worry." Egypt was doing its best to contain Qadhafi, he added. (P)

The President urged caution, saying that he knew how Mubarak felt in his heart, but he did not believe a leopard could change its spots. (P)

President Mubarak responded that he was cautious and that he would keep the President in the picture. (P)

The President said that the United States will keep pressing Libya on the Rabta chemical weapons facility. It is an international embarrassment. He pointed out that Qadhafi insists that Rabta is an "aspirin plant," but the President noted that this would be the first aspirin plant he had ever seen that is protected by 20 foot berms. (P)

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President Mubarak mentioned that he had a very good meeting with Ambassador Wisner where he had laid out Egypt's approach. (P)

The President noted that Secretary Baker had just walked in, and they both had read Wisner's report. The President said he had gotten a good readout from it. He expressed his confidence in Wisner and said he thought that President Mubarak also trusted him. (P)

President Mubarak said that he had discussed the chemical plant with him (Qadhafi) and terrorism as well. President Mubarak stated that he thought he might meet with him (Qadhafi) after a while to try to come to an agreement on these points. (P)

The President said that Mubarak should watch his wallet. (P)

After some further pleasantries and family talk, the President raised the peace process. He reported to Mubarak that we had another meeting in Tunis with the PLO and that we had been staying in close touch with Israel also. He asked if Mubarak had seen Secretary Baker's forthright statement recently. The President said he would welcome any suggestion from President Mubarak. (P)

What you are doing and Baker's statement were very good, President Mubarak replied. He said that he was sending his Minister of State for Foreign Affairs (Boutros Ghali) to Israel on Sunday, June 11. He promised to keep lines open to Israel. (P)

After more pleasantries, the conversation closed with the President saying he would like to continue to stay in touch and would call from time to time. (P)