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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
King Fahd
Interpreter: Prince Bandar, Saudi Ambassador
Notetaker: Sandra Charles, NSC

DATE, TIME July 18, 1989; 5:30 - 5:35 p.m. EST
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President began, asking about the King's health. He commented that thanks to their able Ambassador the call was placed so quickly. The President stated that the Ambassador had explained why it was not an opportune time for the King to leave, stating that this would create no inconvenience on our part. (U)

King Fahd responded, explaining that he was trying to bring about results, to help as he could. (U)

The President accepted his explanation on the condition that the King come to Washington at the earliest convenient time. (U)

King Fahd agreed, stating it would be his great pleasure to do so, promising to come as soon as he could. (U)

The President said that we would work out a convenient time to reschedule the visit. He continued that he and Mrs. Bush would be ready then to receive the King with appropriate honors. He understood and respected the King's commitment on Middle East peace and wished him the best in his endeavor. He also requested that if the King had any suggestions on a role the United States might play he would be pleased to hear them. (U)

King Fahd replied that he was grateful for the President's words, that he hoped the President would have the opportunity to rest after his trip, and that he would keep the President informed of the Tripartite Committee's efforts. (U)

The President then mentioned that they had just returned a few hours ago from a very successful visit to Europe. He reiterated his deep respect for the King and his appreciation for Saudi efforts in this difficult time. (U)

King Fahd acknowledged that he had followed the President's recent return on television and recommended that the President take a rest. (U)

The President agreed, concluding that it was time for him to go home to get some sleep. (U)

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