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**Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]**

- P-1 National Security Classified Information [(a)(1) of the PRA]
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- P-3 Release would violate a Federal statute [(a)(3) of the PRA]
- P-4 Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information [(a)(4) of the PRA]
- P-5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA]
- P-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA]
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- (b)(1) National security classified information [(b)(1) of the FOIA]
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- (b)(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- (b)(5) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(5) of the FOIA]
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*By [NLGB] on 10/6/06*
MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of the United Kingdom (Ụ)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister
Notetaker: Philip Zelikow, NSC Staff

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: August 2, 1989, 10:11 a.m. - 10:21 a.m.
Oval Office

The President telephoned Prime Minister Thatcher concerning the situation in Lebanon. (Ụ)

The Prime Minister
(b)(1)

The President said he had been thinking of the Prime Minister, and of his affection for Terry Waite, and wanted to call, wring hands, and talk about U.S. thinking on the issue. (Ụ)

The Prime Minister
(b)(1)

The President said a more concerted international effort was a good idea and that we could do a better job of keeping this issue before world opinion. (Ụ)

The Prime Minister
(b)(1)

The President thought it might be too soon to be sure of success, but so far the signs were promising. He had asked Secretary

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General Perez de Cuellar and the Pope for help in recovering Higgins’ body, a gesture that should be seen as humanitarian in any culture. (CONFIDENTIAL)

The President agreed, observing that one country hoped that it had happened earlier. The President praised the courage and stoicism of Mrs. Higgins. (CONFIDENTIAL)

The President referred to the Prime Minister’s recent letter on the Middle East and said it was a good letter that would get a good reply. He wanted to keep these lines of communication open. He was concerned about escalating violence. He would talk to King Fahd soon, but the negotiating effort in Lebanon seemed to be bogged down. The King would be coming to the US later, but that would be too late for the effort that was needed now. (CONFIDENTIAL)

On the Arab-Israeli situation, the President hoped to force the PLO to give a green light to dialogue, but there was no great progress there. (CONFIDENTIAL)

The President said that even Washington’s judicious statement on releasing all hostages was taken by some as anti-Israeli. This was not so, but was a little problem for the Administration. A call to release people held against their will was a valid humanitarian call, which did not bash any one country. (CONFIDENTIAL)

The President hoped there would be no escalation and no further
murders. (☑)

The President said he felt terrible about the overall picture in Lebanon, heart-broken and frustrated. (☑)

The President promised to keep in touch about any new developments, especially on the fate of Terry Waite. (☑)

-- End of Conversation --

The President phoned the Prime Minister again, thirty minutes later, to suggest that the Prime Minister call Mrs. Higgins. The Prime Minister welcomed the suggestion and immediately agreed to make the call. The President provided Mrs. Higgins' phone number at the Pentagon. (☑)