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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President Mubarak of Egypt

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Mubarak
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DATE, TIME AND PLACE: May 4, 1990; 10:29 - 10:36 a.m. EST
The Oval Office

The President initiated the call to President Hosni Mubarak. (U)

The President: Hello, Hosni. I hear it's your birthday and I wanted to call and wish you a happy birthday and wish you all the best. Wish I were as young as you. (U)

President Mubarak: Thank you very much. (U)

The President: Listen, I was just checking in with you and following your travel. I just got your recent letter and I'll get back to you formally on that. But I was interested in wishing you a happy birthday and wanted to stay in touch and would like you to share your assessment of Assad. The guy's been helpful on the hostages and I wondered if you had talked to him. (U)

President Mubarak: I spoke to him about the hostages and he promised he's doing the maximum. If he rushes them, they may kill them. He's doing as much as he can. (U)

The President: He's dealing in good faith and I told him that. (U)

President Mubarak: He told me and he's very pleased and doing every effort. (U)

The President: And the rest of your visit went okay? Looks like you moved him in the peace process. (U)

President Mubarak: Very good and he agreed with me. Very good progress. (U)

The President: That's great. Sorry we haven't moved forward on your 10 points. It's very difficult with no government in Israel. (U)

President Mubarak: We're waiting until there's a government, but we're working with the Arabs to prepare the ground for the next move, with the cooperation of the United States of course. (U)

The President: We'll try to facilitate things. We're proud of your leadership. Hang in there. How are you doing? Any vacation this year? (U)

President Mubarak: There is no vacation in this troubled area. I'm going to Moscow and Peking. (U)

The President: Give my respects to Gorbachev. When are you going? (U)

President Mubarak: I will be in Peking next Friday and Moscow on the 14th. (U)

The President: You know of our difficulties with China. We're trying to keep our relationship, so if you could, advise them to move forward. It's getting difficult for me to hold a relationship with no response. I'm under fire here in the United States. (S)

President Mubarak: If you have any points, send them to me. (U)

The President: Do you think you will see Deng? I hear he's on the sidelines. (S)

President Mubarak: I will see everybody. Tell me who you want me to speak to and I will speak to him. (U)

The President: I have great respect for Deng. If you talk to him, tell him we're trying to keep the relationship on track but it's getting increasingly difficult. (S)

President Mubarak: I will tell him public opinion in the United States is very important. I will tell them it's not the same as China or the Soviet Union. (U)

The President: Hope you have a good trip to Moscow. It's a difficult time for Gorbachev. Tell him I'm looking forward to seeing him despite our problems with Lithuania. (S)

President Mubarak: I'll tell him. (U)

The President: More important, give our love to your beautiful wife. (U)

President Mubarak: She sends wishes to you and Barbara. (U)

The President: How are your sons? (U)

President Mubarak: They are fine, they are sitting here. (U)

The President: Sitting there? Why aren't they working? We need them to add to the gross national product in Egypt. (U)

President Mubarak: Now my son. (U)

Son: How are you, Mr. President? (U)

The President: How are you these days? (U)

Son: We are well. We are celebrating my father's birthday. (U)

The President: I told him I'd like to be as young as he is. I'd really like to be as young as you are. (U)

Son: Thank you very much. (U)

The President: Where's your brother? (U)

Son: He's in London. (U)

The President: All my best to you boys. Tell your dad goodbye for me. (U)

Son: I'll let him tell you. (U)

President Mubarak: Thank you. We'll see you. (U)

The President: All right, so long. (U)

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