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SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Toshiki Kaifu,
Prime Minister of Japan (℄)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Toshiki Kaifu, Prime Minister of Japan
Interpreter: Frances Seeds
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DATE, TIME June 22, 1990, 8:06 a.m.-8:19 a.m.
AND PLACE : The Oval Office

Prime Minister Kaifu telephoned the President concerning commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty.

The President: Hello. Toshiki? (U)

Prime Minister Kaifu: Good morning, George. (U)

The President: Good morning, Toshiki. How are you today? (U)

Prime Minister Kaifu: This is Toshiki speaking. (U)

The President: How are you Toshiki? (U)

Prime Minister Kaifu: I am fine thank you. (U)

The President: Okay. Go ahead please. (U)

Prime Minister Kaifu: Georgie, I called you this morning on this very special commemorative day, the 30th Anniversary of the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty, to celebrate together the peace and prosperity that the 30 years of the security treaty have provided for us. Looking back, 1960 was the year when I first became a member of Parliament of Japan, so the 30 years of the security treaty cover exactly the years of my political life. These thirty years under the security treaty are ones in which Japan has prospered as well as the region. On this very day I would like to extend respect to the wise decisions and judgment of our predecessors. (℄)

The President: I appreciate very much the call. I agree with you on the importance of this treaty. I think it is very special that it is the year you came into the Diet and assumed public life. I think that this is very symbolic. Lastly, I want to thank you for your emissary, Mr. Abe. You couldn't have sent a better emissary to celebrate this treaty. We received him

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yesterday and had a very warm meeting with him, to thank him and to reiterate the importance we place on the mutual security treaty. (S)

Prime Minister Kaifu: George, thank you very much for receiving and meeting with Minister Abe. I learned from him as well that he had useful and significant discussions with you. I would like to thank you once again for that and take this opportunity to say that I do hope, on this occasion of commemoration of the 30th anniversary, that the two peoples of Japan and the United States will be reminded of the closeness and importance of the relationship between our two countries. (S)

The President: I think they will. On another subject, you and I had talked about meeting together before the Houston Economic Summit. I will have time there on Saturday or Sunday, substantial time, for a substantial visit. If you have something else in mind, let me know, but I think we need a good bilateral meeting. (S)

Prime Minister Kaifu: As it happens, I am planning to arrive in Houston on Saturday morning, so any time on Saturday or on Sunday when it is convenient to you, would be most welcome to me to have a substantial discussion with you. (S)

The President: I will ask General Scowcroft to contact your Ambassador and work out a satisfactory time. Let's do it in a nice relaxed setting so we can have a nice frank discussion. I look forward to that. (S)

Prime Minister Kaifu: I'm very much looking forward to it. At the Houston Economic Summit (on the basis of Japan-U.S. global partnership) I am looking forward to coordinating our position and cooperating with you. And at our meeting before the Houston Economic Summit, because you're coming in from the NATO meeting, I will be interested in hearing your views on the European security situation and other subjects such as our approach to the Soviet Union and to China. I will have Ambassador Murata get in touch with General Scowcroft to arrange a mutually satisfactory convenient time. (S)

The President: I just received, on June 19, your June 14 letter and like its very cooperative tone on SII. We will have a lot to talk about there as well as on subjects such as the Soviet Union and China. I'm anxious to get your views. I'm pleased with the way our relationship is developing. Thanks for this wonderful phone call about the Treaty. (S)

Prime Minister Kaifu: I, too, agree with you and do hope to keep in close touch with you on various subjects and I'm looking forward to contributing to the peace and cooperation in Asian countries and indeed the world. (S)

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The President: One last comment from a politician. I can't help but notice the strong support you are receiving from the Japanese people, and that is very good. We take great pride in what you're doing there. I mention this as one politician to another, since this is your 30th year of service. (S)

Prime Minister Kaifu: It is thanks to you, George. I'm very pleased with the way you have assisted me, formally and informally. I learned from Mr. Abe that you asked everyone in the LDP to support Kaifu. I am very appreciative of this. Thank you very much. (S)

The President: I look forward to seeing you in Houston. Thank you for the call. (U)

Prime Minister Kaifu: Goodbye. (U)

The President: Goodbye. (U)

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