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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with King Hussein of Jordan
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
King Hussein
C. David Welch, NSC Staff, Notetaker

DATE, TIME July 28, 1990, 2:04 - 4:07 a.m. EST
AND PLACE: Kennebunkport

King Hussein initiated the telephone call to the President. (U)

The President: Your Majesty, how are you? (U)

King Hussein: I'm very well, thank you very much, sir. I appreciate your taking the call. (U)

The President: Well, I'm sitting here by the shore in Maine, just had lunch with Barbara, my daughter, and Brent Scowcroft. The seashore reminds me of Aqaba. Where are you? (U)

King Hussein: I'm in Amman. George, I would like to thank you for your recent letter. It was most reassuring and most encouraging. Really, it was very good. (U)

The President: Well, you know we are with you. Jordan is a good friend. I hear you are off on another mission. (U)

King Hussein: Yes, I'm going to Baghdad tomorrow and Kuwait the day after. I hope we can make some progress. (U)

The President: I certainly hope that that situation doesn't get out of hand. We are very worried about possible escalation. (U)

King Hussein: Really, sir, there is no possibility of that happening. It will not come to that. (U)

The President: I wish you good luck. There are some problems with Iraq's behavior that I could tell you about, but I'd rather not do it over this line. Perhaps we can talk again after your trip so we can share your observations. You remember our Congressional delegation that went there -- we tried to send some signals to Saddam Hussein with that delegation. I would love to talk to you when you return. (U)

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King Hussein: I will call you as soon as I get back. (U)

The President: Best wishes to you and best regards from Barbara to you and the Queen. Brent says hello, too. (U)

King Hussein: Our love and best wishes to everyone. Please tell Scowcroft hello. Goodbye, sir. (U)

-- End of Conversation --