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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President Mubarak of Egypt (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Mubarak
Notetaker: C. David Welch

DATE, TIME August 16, 1990; 5:28 - 5:35 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: Kennebunkport

The President initiated the call. (U)

The President: Hosni, I just finished a couple of interesting meetings; thought I'd fill you in with a quick readout. First, King Hussein. You know of the strains between Jordan and the United States. We had a very frank discussion about things. You know, I've always liked him, and I still do. But the key thing is that there was no letter, no proposal (from Saddam Hussein); the whole thing was a big media hype. I told him of the essentiality of our objectives: Iraq must get out; and the legitimate rulers must be restored. He mentioned an election, but did not push it. I said no. He said Jordan was/would support international sanctions -- and he said so in public. That was positive and will help Jordan in the United States. (U)

President Mubarak: I heard it. (U)

The President: I was encouraged in that. He still talks of an Arab solution. He said Arab opinion is against the United States. I said let's figure out how to make it better. I told him I'm committed to our policy. We had a really long talk. Also, he talked to Jim Baker on the plane ride up. He was worried, but he was pleasant. He thinks we've done the wrong thing. The press had it there was a letter. I told him that we had lost confidence in anything Saddam Hussein says. He told me a long story about the Arab League Summit. We discussed the Saddam Hussein story about pulling out of Kuwait when in fact another whole division was going in. He was very gracious; he always is. There was no hidden agenda, secret mission, or special message. I also had a good visit with Saud and Bandar. They wanted to thank us and think of next steps. But no one is really in a position yet to discuss next steps -- we need to see how sanctions work. We talked at length; no decisions were made.

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He's going to Washington for some briefings. They were very pleased and grateful. And that's the report on that one. I also talked to Ozal. The Turks feel confident that sanctions will have a major effect on Iraq. Ozal says ten days is what it will take. Zero is going in and out, he says, and that will have an effect on Saddam Hussein. (Ø)

President Mubarak: If sanctions are well and firmly done, it will have an effect. (Ø)

The President: There was no secret mission; I guess that all started with the press speculation. He wants more support for Jordan's position in the United States, and I'd be willing to help but our positions are different. (Ø)

President Mubarak: About Saddam Hussein and the witnesses, we were alone, George. Only the two of us worked on this; we negotiated it alone. (Ø)

The President: I missed that part. (Ø)

President Mubarak: He said he would do nothing until the first meeting. I don't believe him any longer. (Ø)

The President: Well, I just wanted to give you those reports.
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President Mubarak: Thank you. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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