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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: President's Telephone Conversation with the Amir of Kuwait (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Sheikh Jaber, Amir of Kuwait
Interpreter: Shukran Kamal
Notetaker: Sandra Charles

DATE, TIME August 30, 1990; 3:06 - 3:16 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President initiated the call. (U)

The President: Hello your Highness, can you hear me okay? This is George Bush. (U)

The Amir: I hear you fine. (U)

The President: I want to share our thinking on our efforts to achieve our mutual objectives in the Gulf. Frankly, I think we have made considerable progress. I think the entire world supports our efforts, and I view that as a clear tribute to the righteousness of our cause: that is in getting Iraq to withdraw and the restoration of your government in Kuwait. However, it is costly -- the invasion and sanctions -- in that it's hitting many countries hard. I know you are willing to support this. I am thinking of your prompt and generous support to Turkey. I know you have been generous in your talks with us to defray some of our costs as well. And we are grateful for this. Today, I made a proposal for international compensation for countries most affected by Iraq's invasion. I just hung up from talking to Chancellor Kohl. What I wanted to ask is if you would, I would like to send Secretary Baker to see you. He will be talking with leaders in Europe on how to coordinate our help to people requiring assistance. What I wanted to ask you is to receive him next week. We need to stay together on this. So I've asked him and Secretary Brady to go to Japan, Germany, Free Kuwait, and other countries. If you are willing to see him, I would be most grateful to you. (S)

The Amir: First, I would like to thank you for this call. Also I want to thank you for what you and the United States are doing for Kuwait. I appreciate your efforts and the Kuwaiti people appreciate your efforts on our behalf. With regard to your request, I will be happy to welcome and receive Secretary Baker. I believe we need to look into these matters and share your belief in the need for cooperation. (S)

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The President: Thank you, we will be in touch on time to find something convenient to fit into your schedule. Secretary Baker looks forward to it. I wish I were coming but he will be making this trip. (Ø)

The Amir: Thank you, Mr. President. I look forward to seeing Secretary Baker and look forward to seeing you in Washington in the future. (Ø)

The President: Well, I look forward to hearing from Jim Baker. And your Highness, any time you need to call, just pick up the phone. (Ø)

The Amir: Thank you. I wish you success and if there is anything, if I have any ideas to discuss, I will pick up the phone and do so. (Ø)

The President: Thank you, your Highness, and good bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --