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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President Zayyid of United Arab Emirates (U)

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President Zayyid of United Arab Emirates
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The Oval Office

The President: Hello, Your Highness. Can you hear me? (U)

Sheikh Zayyid: Marhaba (hello), how are you? Yes I can hear you. (U)

The President: Thanks for taking my call. I am delighted to touch base with you on developments. Frankly, overall we have made good progress, a tribute to our close cooperation and the overwhelming international support for getting Iraq out of Kuwait. The invasion and sanctions are imposing real costs on many countries, however. I want to tell you we are grateful for your decision to increase oil production because that will ease the burden on all oil-importing countries. The military commanders and I very much appreciate all the support we have received from your government so far. But I must say the costs to support our forces are high. What I want to do is ask Secretary Baker to coordinate and consult with you and others on all the countries who are in need of it. Also so all the forces can logistically stay in tip top shape. (S)

Countries like Egypt, Turkey, Jordan, Morocco, Pakistan, and Bangladesh have been hit hard. I worry if they don't get financial support, they won't be able to comply with these economic sanctions. And so I want to be sure we cooperate and consult. So I ask your Highness to receive Secretary Baker next week. He will go to Europe and to see the Amir of Kuwait and King Fahd (hopefully he'll agree), and if it would be convenient for you, I ask you respectfully to receive our Secretary of State. (S)

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Sheikh Zayyid: Yes sir. I would like to thank you for all the positions you have taken and things you have done. These efforts you have done will have a great and lasting effect on us all, those of us who are here now and those who will come after in the future. There will be a store of good will for the United States and its efforts. For the person who has perpetrated this, he is not worthy of any service, and must be put in his place. This person has not lived up to his words and cannot be trusted. (S)

The President: I agree. (U)

Sheikh Zayyid: I will try to do everything to please you. (S)

The President: Can you see Secretary Baker next week? (S)

Sheikh Zayyid: Yes, sir. I will be very happy to receive Secretary Baker and anyone else you send with him. (S)

The President: Very good. He will have a small delegation with him. But the main thing is that he has a chance to chat with you, that would be very good. Let me say how much I appreciate your cooperation and courtesy to our military people. I know it is not easy but it sends a good signal to their families in the United States. And I am very grateful as their commander in chief here. (S)

Sheikh Zayyid: We are the one who should thank you and be thankful to you for sending your troops and your allies' troops and rallying the world to help us with this disaster and tragedy that has hit us. (S)

The President: Well, good-bye and thank you. I will await Secretary Baker's report from his meeting with you. (S)

Sheikh Zayyid: I hope I always am able to work with you. You are a good and trusted friend. (S)

The President: Thank you. Good bye. (U)

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