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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of the United Kingdom on September 14, 1990 (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher
Notetaker: Philip D. Zelikow

DATE. TIME: September 14, 1990, 7:29 - 7:42am EST
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Margaret, I'm delighted to hear from you. What's on your mind? (U)

Prime Minister Thatcher: I have a couple of things I wish to talk to you about. But first I want to congratulate you on your speech to the Congress. It was terrific. (U)

The President: Thank you very much. I tried not to be too strident about Saddam. (U)

Prime Minister Thatcher: Thanks also for your message about your meeting with Gorbachev. I'm glad he came. (U)

The President: He wanted to be there, for a lot of reasons, some of them economic. There were some differences I could tell you about, but personally the meeting went well. You know him well; there was no rancor, a good discussion. (U)

Prime Minister Thatcher: Well the reaction and the publicity was just superb. There was wisdom in the results. (U)

(b)(1)

The President: Why that is just marvelous. My heavens, I already felt you were doing your share. This will be so well received. This is icing on the cake. (U)
The President: I remember the name. My gosh, that is so superb. I hope you didn’t mind my quoting you in the speech to the Congress. (U)

Prime Minister Thatcher: Not at all. It was very nice. (U)

The President: We edited it a bit, using the term ‘bargaining chip’ instead of ‘bargaining counter.’ We took a little liberty there, using a phrase more people would recognize here. (U)

Prime Minister Thatcher: You were very kind. (U)

We’ll be making our statement in about two hours. (U)

The President: It will be big news. (U)

Prime Minister Thatcher: (b)(1)

The President: I’m embarrassed to say that I’m not very familiar with where we stand on this matter. We do need authority to back the sanctions up. (F)

Prime Minister Thatcher: This was discussed with Gorbachev in Moscow, all of our thinking about this. (F)

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The President: I have not heard anything about this. Bob Gates is here with me and I think he knows something about it. I see no reason to delay on this matter. It is important for every contingency to be taken care of. I feel Article 51 and Kuwait's original letter gave us the authority to use force. I will talk to Scowcroft -- Baker is halfway around the world -- and we will work to get a text and go forward on this. Anything we can get to enhance our legal authority, the better it is. (¥)

Prime Minister Thatcher: (b)(1) (b)(1) (b)(1) (b)(1)

The President: Prime Minister Kaifu called me last night. I know his decision will be well received here. Congress is now seized with the idea of wanting everybody else to do everything. (¥)

Prime Minister Thatcher: Well, you have done so much. They're entitled to ask that. (U)

The President: This will calm them. (U)

Prime Minister Thatcher: Support from Congress and the public has been marvelous. Both in the States and here. (U)

The President: How is it with the Labour Party? (¥)

Prime Minister Thatcher: (b)(1) (b)(1) (b)(1) (b)(1)

The President: I agree. We may be on the phone again late some night with a situation that must be answered without delay. We cannot let Yemen and Cuba hold us up in UN debates. (¥)
The President: The Soviets have been very careful on the issue of use of force. We'll have to run this down to the end. (G)

Prime Minister Thatcher: I'm coming to the United Nations from September 29 to October 1, and I will be in touch before then to see about the possibility of a trip to Washington. (G)

The President: Why not look at a meeting in New York? I will be at the UN for two or three days. I think the NSC has been working on some ideas, like dinner on Sunday night. I'll check to be sure. It shouldn't complicate our schedules. Either way we have to get together. (G)

Prime Minister Thatcher: New York would be superb if we can do it. (G)

The President: I'll work it out. (U)

Prime Minister Thatcher: Tell Barbara she was on the radio here this morning with an interview she gave. It was terrific. (U)

The President: I'll tell her. Thanks for calling. (U)

- End of Conversation -