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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

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

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Hosni Mubarak
Notetaker: C. David Welch, NSC

DATE, TIME November 20, 1990; 7:55 - 8:01 a.m. EST
AND PLACE: CSCE Conference Center, Paris

The President initiated the call. (U)

The President: Hosni, how are you? I'm still in Paris, just wanted to touch base with you on an item or two. (U)

President Mubarak: Everything is going all right. (U)

The President: I think we are beginning to get Saddam Hussein's attention. I'm calling regarding President Assad and how important you believe it is to see him on this trip. I could see him in Geneva on the way back. Do you think that would be okay with him? (Ø)

President Mubarak: I will call him, George. That is a very good idea. It is extremely important to support him because he is with our line on this. We need to encourage him. He is with us against Saddam Hussein, George. He did not want to come here for a meeting; that way, some would have said that he came to Egypt just because George Bush wanted him to. But if you are offering a third place, that shows you have worked to meet his concerns. (Ø)

The President: We could do it at a British base in Cyprus, or in Geneva, whatever he thinks is best. (Ø)

President Mubarak: I will ask. (Ø)

The President: We have not checked with the Brits yet, but we could do an airport stop in Cyprus. It would be after we left you, either in Cyprus or in Geneva. (Ø)

President Mubarak: I will contact him. Maybe he will agree to both and then you can choose. (Ø)

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The President: I was a little worried about his statement on his troops staying in Saudi Arabia. (Ø)

President Mubarak: This is for local consumption, George. We are not going to fight Iraq in Iraq -- we are going to Kuwait. (Ø)

The President: He's saying that they are going to stay in Saudi Arabia. (Ø)

President Mubarak: I know him -- when the action starts, he will go quickly with us. (Ø)

The President: Well, call me through Signal once you know his reaction. If I'm busy at the conference, then I hope you will speak to Brent Scowcroft. Or tell Wisner. Tell Assad I look forward to seeing him. (Ø)

President Mubarak: I will tell you or through Scowcroft or Frank. (Ø)

-- End of Conversation --