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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Presidential Phone Call to President Mubarak of Egypt

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Hosni Mubarak
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DATE, TIME AND PLACE: November 30, 1990; 12:23 - 12:40 p.m.
Oval Office

The President initiated the call.

The President: How are you? Did you see my press conference?
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President Mubarak: I heard about it. (U)

The President: After the U.N. (Security Council) resolution (678), I decided to send Jim Baker and ask if he wanted to send Tariq Aziz. King Fahd, whom I have spoken to, is very enthusiastic. I told him there would be no concessions, no partial withdrawal, nothing short of the U.N. resolutions. I hope this will convince the world that no stone has been left unturned when and if we use force. Nothing was discussed before with Saddam Hussein. Baker will not discuss anything about concessions. I invited Tariq Aziz to meet with me, and I will invite the Egyptian Ambassador if you wish. (Ø)

President Mubarak: I told Fahd before you contacted him that this is a good step before the whole world. (Ø)

The President: I think it's a good thing. (U)

President Mubarak: For sure, it is a step in front of the whole world, that this is the maximum I could ever do. (Ø)

The President: It will reduce the accusation that I'm rushing to use force. We're moving our people, and we are much more ready. There will be no concessions about some island. Be sure to tell everyone. (Ø)

President Mubarak: I told Fahd that there won't be any concessions, George. (Ø)

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The President: He was quite supportive. I haven't told the French, Brits or Soviets. You are the second to hear. Jim Baker didn't even know. Will he see Baker? (Ø)

President Mubarak: He will be very eager to receive him. (Ø)

The President: What about Aziz coming here? (Ø)

President Mubarak: Of course. (U)

The President: There will be no ultimatum -- just no concessions. The basic message will be that we support the U.N. resolution, including use of force if necessary. (Ø)

President Mubarak: About the Ambassadors being at the meeting with Tariq Aziz, he will be nervous and will make no concessions if they are there. He will try to be the hero. He will speak more freely without them present. You need to think this over. (Ø)

The President: Maybe we could do both; one private meeting and a larger one. I've already announced it. (Ø)

President Mubarak: The meeting should be held without the Ambassadors. Otherwise, he will not make concessions, he will try to be a big Arab hero. He will speak more freely in private. (Ø)

The President: Maybe the Ambassadors can show so that I can say that the coalition is intact. I'll call Ozal and the Kuwaiti Emir. Maybe you can inform the Gulf states. (Ø)

President Mubarak: Okay, goodbye. (U)

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