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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: Richard N. Haass

DATE, TIME: December 31, 1990, 10:13 a.m. - 10:18 a.m. EST  
AND PLACE: Camp David

The President initiated the call. (U)

President: Hosni, how are you? (U)

President Mubarak: Hello George, how are you. (U)

President Bush: Fine. (U)

President Mubarak: We were just sitting here thinking of you and Barbara. (U)

President Bush: Great minds think alike. Barbara and I are at Camp David; it's very cold. I was just thinking of you, counting our blessings. (U)

President Mubarak: I want to wish you a happy new year. (U)

President Bush: Thank you, this will be an interesting time. I have not changed my mind about the importance of getting Iraq out of Kuwait without conditions. (Ø)

President Mubarak: In a speech tonight, I'm calling on him to be courageous and respond to peace. But he won't do anything. (Ø)

President Bush: I agree. We'll have to do something, and by something I mean to implement the UN resolutions. Don't be discouraged by the controversy here you've read about. It is just the Congress. (Ø)

President Mubarak: I understand. (Ø)

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President Bush: The EC is talking about sending somebody to see Aziz. This is fine, but there can be no compromise. (Ø)

President Mubarak: There will be no result if there is a meeting with the EC. (Ø)

President: I don't know if I should say something about seeing Aziz. Nothing will come out of that. You know he's accusing me of drinking. He's crazy. (Ø)

President Mubarak: You know, I sent him a tough message. I was very frank. (Ø)

President: Have you received an answer? (U)

President Mubarak: Well he just received it last night. (U)

President: What did you say? (U)

President Mubarak: I told him to get out. That it was going to be a problem you don't want around you. (Ø)

President: It's important he gets a clear message. I'm tired of saying the same thing. He's so unreasonable. (Ø)

President Mubarak: Yes, he is a strange man. (Ø)

President: He is. Well, I didn't call to commiserate about him. I called to wish you and Susie a happy new year. (U)

President Mubarak: Happy New Year to you and Barbara. Is Barbara there? (U)

President: Yes, she's here with me at Camp David. But she's gone swimming. (U)

Mubarak: In the cold? (U)

President: Well, we have an indoor heated pool here. (U)

President Mubarak: Well we're shivering here. Anyway, all the best. (U)

President: All the best to you and Susie. Is Susie there, I want to say Happy New Years to her. (U)

President Mubarak: Yes, she's here. She's on the line. (U)

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President: I'd like to wish you a happy new year. (U)

Mrs. Mubarak: How are you Mr. President? How was your Christmas? (U)

President: Oh fine. We had a wonderful family Christmas here at Camp David. (U)

Mrs. Mubarak: Oh that's wonderful. (U)

President: How is the beautiful fiancée? (U)

Mrs. Mubarak: Oh she is doing fine. (U)

President: Give her a hug from me; we can't do it in front of the cameras. (U)

Mrs. Mubarak: I will Mr. President. All the best to you and happy New Years. (U)

President: All the best. Good bye. (U)

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