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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Toshiki Kaifu, Prime Minister of Japan
on January 10, 1991 (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Toshiki Kaifu, Prime Minister of Japan
Interpreter: Frances Seeds
Notetaker: Karl D. Jackson

DATE, TIME: January 10, 1991, 7:42 - 7:55am EST
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The Prime Minister telephoned the President concerning the Gulf crisis. (Ø)

The President: Toshiki, Good Morning! Glad to hear from you.
What's on your mind? (U)

PM Kaifu: This is Toshiki speaking. How are you? (U)

First, thanks for the prompt notification of the results of the Baker-Aziz meeting, from Secretary Baker himself. I would also like to emphasize how much I appreciate your efforts on the Gulf crisis. (Ø)

I also regret that during the Baker-Aziz meeting, the Iraqi side did not make any decision. It is out of the question that they did not accept your letter. Yesterday, before Perez de Cuellar's departure, I sent a message encouraging him on his task. (Ø)

The President: Unfortunately, there has been no change. I talked to Perez de Cuellar before he left. He was not hopeful. There are no signs of reasonableness coming out of Iraq that I know of. The only thing I would repeat is that the coalition is still determined to implement fully UN Resolution 678, which will mean the use of force if he is not moving out. This would mean that force must be used if he does not move in a way that he refused to do at Geneva. (Ø)

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PM Kaifu: With respect to the Gulf, I am very much aware of our common stance. I just returned from a meeting with Roh Tae Woo. I also called the leaders of Southeast Asia to cancel my trip to the region. I spoke with Prime Minister Mahathir, Prime Minister Goh, Prime Minister Chatichai and President Aquino. We confirmed that the UN Resolutions must be respected and the principles observed. Through our coalition we remain united behind your policy to attain peace. (Ø)

The President: I appreciate that very important message of unified support from these four ASEAN leaders. Thank you very much for conveying this message. (Ø)

PM Kaifu: There are two more things I want to tell you about. (Ø)

With respect to your request for a drawdown of oil reserves in your message of the 9th, I have instructed my representatives at the IEA to cooperate with your side. I have instructed our representatives to agree to a 350,000 barrel per day drawdown in case of hostilities. (Ø)

The President: I appreciate this news although I am not familiar with the exact numbers, but it is good news. Thank you. (Ø)

PM Kaifu: The final thing is my recent visit to Korea. I met with Roh Tae Woo yesterday. We agreed on the status of Korean nationals living in Japan, putting this past controversy behind us and entering a new era. (Ø)

With regard to the normalization negotiations with North Korea, I indicated we would urge the acceptance of inspection of their facilities under IAEA as we progress forward in normalization talks. (Ø)

The President: This sounds very positive. You must be very pleased. (Ø)

PM Kaifu: I wish you success. Please keep up your efforts. (Ø)

The President: Thank you for your friendly call -- going the extra mile on consultation. We will stay the course. I hope, at the last minute, Saddam Hussein will show flexibility, but I am not at all sure he will. (Ø)

PM Kaifu: I hope so too. Goodbye. (Ø)

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