

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Mubarak of Egypt on February 23, 1991

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

DATE, TIME February 23, 1991; 5:29 - 5:33 p.m. EST
AND PLACE: Camp David

The President initiated the call. (U)

The President: Hosni, how are you? Sorry for calling you so late in the evening. As you know, I've directed Norm Schwarzkopf to intensify the military effort to liberate Kuwait. I am confident that our military will accomplish the mission decisively. I intend to announce this at 10:00 p.m. tonight. The action, as you know, will already have started. I hope that your troops will do well. (Ø)

President Mubarak: Inshallah. I talked to Gorbachev. I told him that there are two initiatives, one has gaps, the other is firm. I said that we wanted the United States and the Soviet Union to be together, that was important to us. (Ø)

The President: Yes. I talked to him also, told him that his plan had more conditions. Meanwhile, Saddam Hussein is burning and killing. He understood, but still wanted a delay. I believe he was trying hard, and not being mischievous. He was trying to stop any loss of life, but his plan had too many conditions. (Ø)

President Mubarak: Yes. I told him that these conditions would create a hell of a problem later. I told him that you (Gorbachev) need to discuss it with President Bush and Baker. (Ø)

The President: Well, he didn't get very far. We had long talks, but I did not change my position. (Ø)

President Mubarak: The delay was the point we discussed -- he was convinced. (Ø)

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The President: Well, I'm sorry again that it's so late. I'll be making a statement at 10:00 p.m. (U)

President Mubarak: We'll hear it in Cairo in the early morning.
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The President: And, as you know from your military guys, the action will have started a little earlier. (U)

-- End of Conversation --