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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President Abdou Diouf of Senegal, March 22, 1991

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Abdou Diouf, President of Senegal
Notetaker: Robert C. Frasure

DATE, TIME: March 22, 1991, 10:30 - 10:35 a.m. EST
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

President Bush telephoned President Diouf to express his condolences in the death of ninety-two Senegalese soldiers in Saudi Arabia.

The President: Mr. President. How are you? This is George Bush.

President Diouf: I am here. I am fine. How are you?

The President: I just wanted to call to express our shock and sadness over the death of your soldiers in Saudi Arabia this week in this terrible plane crash.

President Diouf: Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

The President: I understand that our people on the ground did everything they could to help at the crash site. But unfortunately very little was possible, I understand.

You know in every wartime situation is tragic. But somehow the death of soldiers after the guns have become silent is particularly terrible and poignant. I would ask you to express my condolences to the families of those who died.

President Diouf: Precisely so. And again I appreciate your sentiments. Thank you very much.

The President: It was good to speak with you.

President Diouf: Thank you. Please my best regards to Mrs. Bush.

The President: Thank you. She is in good health again.

President Diouf: We are all very proud of you.

The President: Thank you. It was a team effort. And I was pleased to have to the U.S. and Senegal out there on the same side.

President Diouf: Thank you again and goodbye.

The President: Goodbye.

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