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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting with Prime Minister Kaifu of Japan

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
Frances Seeds, Interpreter
Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu
Hisashi Owada, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
Daisuke Matsunaga, Interpreter

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: July 11, 1991, 3:00 - 5:00pm EST
Walker’s Point

The President: Here is my list of subjects I think we should cover. (U)

PM Kaifu: I would like to hear especially about the Soviet aid issue and there are several things I want to ask you. (C)

The President: Good. I will say a few words. The U.S. and Japan are the closest together on how we see the summit. I do not think we will be asked for a check, but if we are, we do not have one. Bessmertnykh and Moiseyev were here this morning and gave us a letter. You will get yours. We do not want to rebuff Gorbachev. But before there is real money, there must be real progress. We will support you on the Northern Islands. One last point: I would like this summit to be perceived as a success for John Major. That is basically the way we see this summit. (C)

PM Kaifu: I gave my ideas to you in writing. We are close together. I want to support the U.S. position. (b)(1) (b)(1)

The President: Sure. Another thing, the EBRD. They are trying to increase the Soviet lending. (C)

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The President: I will see Mitterrand Sunday. I would hope to convince him that the Bank should concentrate on, the focus should stay on Eastern Europe and not go wandering off. (F)

PM Kaifu: We have exactly the same view. (F)

The President: One more thing on the Soviet Union. It is good that Gorbachev and Yeltsin are now working together. We want to let them feel like they are in friendly hands, but we cannot do anything big, like the stabilization fund. (F)

The press will try to dwell on the problems between us. One is the Desert Storm contribution. You were extraordinarily generous and we appreciate the last $500 million. I will have (Secretary) Brady say the issue is closed in a way that gets Rostenkowski off our back. (F)

The next thing is rice. We should agree on what we should say because the press will try to divide us. (F)
The President: I agree that is the best we can do. (U)

PM Kaifu: Japan regards these issues as very important. Therefore, we are working very hard, as we are in SII. We will do our best to resolve this in a useful way. (U)

The President: These really are important issues for us, so we must all work hard on it -- we have issues that we must move also. (U)

PM Kaifu: Apart from the rice issue we have been steadily resolving SII and other troublesome issues. (U)

The President: Next topic. We appreciate your contribution to Latin America. These countries are turning democratic and deserve our support. We have EAI and the Brady Plan and we are grateful for your support. (U)

PM Kaifu: We regard EAI very highly and are cooperating with the Multilateral Investment Fund. We helped Nicaragua to clear up their arrears. (U)

PM Kaifu: I will keep that firmly in mind and try to be successful. (U)
The President: I told you, Toshiki, that APEC was the best vehicle for cooperation in Asia. (U)

We hoped for a Philippine base agreement but nature has intervened. (U)

I have been very supportive of the U.S. with Mrs. Aquino. [Describes contributions.] (U)

The President: I am in a bitter fight on MFN right now. Any thoughts on Cambodia and Vietnam? (U)

PM Kaifu: We have made big efforts on Cambodia. We hosted a Conference and are doing our best to encourage progress there. (U)

The President: Good. We are together on that. (U)

We are running out of time. Any other subjects you want on the table before the press conference? (U)

PM Kaifu: Owada told me you are coming to Japan. (U)

The President: Good idea to put in the press conference! Do you want to say you invited me or should I say I accepted? (U)

PM Kaifu: You go ahead. (U)

The President: On the nine billion we will say it is resolved and that we will make that clear to the Congress. (U)

-- End of Conversation --