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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telecon with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia on  
September 14, 1991

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
Brent Scowcroft  
King Fahd  
Interpreter: Shukran Kamal  
Notetaker: Bruce Riedel, NSC

DATE, TIME: September 14, 1991; 10:05 -10:14 a.m.  
AND PLACE: Oval Office

President Bush: Hello, Your Majesty how are you? (U)

King Fahd: Thank you for calling me. I was very pleased to watch you on television on Wednesday (sic). Your comments on Israel were very good. (S)

President Bush: I am glad you thought it was constructive. We will win this fight. (S)

King Fahd: I am sure you are right. Things are going well on the peace process. All the stones have been turned including on the Palestinians, the Syrians, the Arabs and the Israelis. We will do all we can to make the conference a success. (S)

President Bush: Thank you for your kind remarks. I am calling today to discuss Iraq. Saddam continues to prevent the U.N. from carrying out its mandate to destroy Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. He is thumbing his nose at the U.N. resolutions. We must see the WMD destroyed. As you know, Saddam has hidden missiles and unconventional weapons from the U.N. He has even welded back together missile equipment he claimed to have destroyed. We have a great deal of information on this which our Ambassador has been instructed to put at your disposal. (S)

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Iraq now refuses to allow the U.N. to bring in German helicopters to assist the inspections. This directly violates UNSCR 707 which requires Iraq to allow in U.N. helicopters. We cannot let this stand. We have prepared a moderate but forceful course of action to ensure Iraqi compliance and the destruction of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. (S)

My request to you is that you receive my Ambassador who is fully prepared to discuss my thinking on this issue. I do not want to discuss the details on the phone, but the Ambassador is fully prepared to discuss our plans and, of course, to hear your thinking. (S)

King Fahd: I will receive the Ambassador as soon as possible. Our response will be a practical one. (S)

President Bush: Great. We cannot let Saddam get away with this. (S)

King Fahd: Absolutely true, I am fully with you. (S)

I see that your medical report was positive and we are always happy to see you play golf on TV. After my operation perhaps we can play golf together. (U)

President Bush: That would be fun. (U)

King Fahd: I will be delighted to play golf with you when I visit Washington. (U)

Good byes.

-- End of Conversation --

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