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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with the Amir of Bahrain on 28 October 1991

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Amir of Bahrain
Notetaker: Bruce Riedel

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: October 28, 1991, 2:47 - 2:50 p.m. EST
Oval Office

The President initiated the call to the Amir in Hawaii. (U)

The President: Hello, I am just calling to wish you well as you prepare to leave the U.S. I received your letter and appreciate your kind words. I wish you well on the rest of your trip. (U)

The Amir: I am well. Thank you very much for your kindness and hospitality. God bless you and Mrs. Bush and the American people. (U)

The President: When do you leave? (U)

The Amir: In one hour. (U)

The President: You are on to Japan next, I understand. (U)

The Amir: That is right. I am pleased that our countries signed the Defense Cooperation Agreement yesterday. (U)

The President: I am pleased too. Assistant Secretary Clarke has reported the signing to us. I am off tonight to Madrid to start the Middle East Peace Conference. Much is at stake but we should be realistic about our expectations. (U)

The Amir: I hope all will be well. Your leadership has made this possible. (U)

The President: I trust Bahrain will participate in the multilateral talks when they open. (U)

The Amir: Yes. Thank you for all you have done on this. Your leadership will help. (U)

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The President: Did you have a good rest in Hawaii at the Royal Hawaiian? (U) -

The Amir: Yes. Thank you. You are very kind to ask. I hope you will be able to visit us soon in Bahrain. (U)

The President: I hope to do so. As you know I am criticized for devoting too much attention to foreign issues but it is important to visit our friends. I recall my last visit fondly. (U)

The Amir: Thank you for your call. We are very proud of your leadership. (U)

Goodbyes

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