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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Mubarak of Egypt (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Hosni Mubarak
Notetakers: Edmund J. Hull
John Montgomery

DATE, TIME November 7, 1991; 2:06 to 2:13 p.m. EST
AND PLACE: Rome, Italy

The President: Hello, Hosni. How are you? (U)

President Mubarak: Hello, George. How are you? (U)

The President: I haven't talked to you in a long time. (U)

President Mubarak: I can't find you these days. Where are you?
(U)

The President: I am in Rome, and I am going to the Netherlands tomorrow. (U)

President Mubarak: I would like to congratulate you on the big effort at the peace conference in Madrid. (U)

The President: I should say thanks to you. You and Egypt did a great job. (U)

President Mubarak: It was you and Baker who did a great job. Nothing would have been possible without you. (U)

The President: We are very pleased with the outcome, but there may be big problems ahead. We are pleased that the Saudis, the Palestinians, Jordanians, you and others are committed to going further. Can you help us get the Syrians to come along? (S)

President Mubarak: We have pressed the Palestinians and Jordanians. We are pushing the Syrians, and we think the Syrians will come around in time. (S)

The President: I hope that is right. (U)

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President Mubarak: I will be seeing them soon. (U)

The President: Who are you seeing? (U)

President Mubarak: The Foreign Minister this weekend and then possibly Assad. (S)

The President: What should I do? (U)

President Mubarak: I will explain your great effort and that there is no hope for any other initiative. (S)

The President: At least they were there (at Madrid). I hope they will come along (in the future). (S)

President Mubarak: I think it will work. They are "auctioneering" like the Israelis. (S)

The President: I am grateful to you. (U)

President Mubarak: George, I would like to remind you about Butros. (S)

The President: We have been voting for him in the preliminary balloting. (S)

President Mubarak: Do what you can to help him. (U)

The President: We have great respect for him. We can support him. We know we can work well with him. What about the change in the Iraqi Defense Minister? (S)

President Mubarak: I think they have problems inside the family. This is going to take some time. (S)

The President: There must be a change of leadership. We must get rid of Saddam and get the Iraqi people back in the world community. I hope you will do what you can to encourage a change. I will be speaking out publicly against the current regime. Maybe you cannot do this, but we hope there is no change that would relieve the pressure, no being nice. (S)

President Mubarak: Yes. How's Barbara? (U)

The President: Fine. Our best to Suzie, the boys and the new bride. We will remember Butros Ghali, and we should stay in touch on Iraq and Libya. We have some problems there, and I realize we have a difference of opinion. The Pan Am 103 investigation is still going on. We will be providing further information. (S)

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President Mubarak: I am trying my best with this man. (C)

The President: Don't let him get to you. It's good talking to you. Let's stay in touch by phone. Tell Butros we'll remember him. (C)

Good byes.

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