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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting with King Hassan of Morocco

PARTICIPANTS:
The President
James A. Baker III, Secretary of State
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
Samuel Skinner, Chief of Staff
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King Hassan
Ahmed Osman, President of the Parliament
Abdellatif Filali, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Ahmed Reda Guedira, Counselor to King Hassan
Ambassador Belkhayyat, Ambassador to the U.S.
Ambassador Ahmed Snoussi, Permanent Representative to the UN

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: January 30, 1992, 5:00 - 5:20pm
Waldorf Astoria, New York

President Bush: Welcome. I am so glad to see you again. (U)

King Hassan: You have many meetings. We have known each other for so long. (U)

President Bush: Yes, and there are so many changes in the world to discuss this time. (U)

King Hassan: I believe our discussion on the role of the UN Security Council could be preceded by a few considerations I would like to make. (U)

President Bush: Please go ahead. (U)

King Hassan: [Omitted text]

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President Bush: Yes. (U)

King Hassan: ____________

(No text)

President Bush: Tomorrow there will be recognition that the UN has become more effective since the fall of the Soviet Union and though it may be difficult for individual countries, this business of Libya sent a strong signal and couldn't have been done by any one country... On Libya, ____________

(No text)

King Hassan: Let us hope it will lead to something. (U)
President Bush: Let's ask Secretary Baker. He just came from the Moscow meeting. (U)

Secretary Baker: Excuse me for being late. I've just come from the airplane. We very much regret that at the last moment, the Palestinians decided not to attend because the Palestinians did themselves a world of good in Madrid when they appeared. And much of the world's opinion of the Palestinians was changed by their participation in Madrid. But they have great difficulties developing positions because they have so many disparate elements and must check back with Tunis.

I met with the Palestinians last night in Moscow, with Hanan Ashrawi, Faisal Husseini and others. I am confident they want to participate in the working groups such as on refugees, economic development, and so forth.

King Hassan:

President Bush: (U)

Secretary Baker: (U)

King Hassan: I know. (U)

Secretary Baker: (U)

King Hassan: (U)

President Bush: Yes (U)

Secretary Baker: Absolutely. (U)

President Bush: What were the various press stories?

Secretary Baker: I saw a totally erroneous report on the plane. We do not know what Israel will do -- whether they will accept or will try to go into the private market and borrow. (U)
King Hassan: I read it (the press article). 

President Bush: The one I saw sounded like Israel was going to give us a proposal. We are in for a fight in Congress. The opposition party has already taken a position against us.
President Bush: Where could Saddam Hussein go? (Ø)

King Hassan: (Ø)

President Bush: He is getting even more isolated and losing more confidence from his people every day. His security is still extraordinarily tight, but there are more and more reports that people are unhappy. (Ø)

If he could be gotten out, we could start over. Our argument is not with the people of Iraq or even the Revolutionary Guard. We would start over and would encourage a new look and let them come back into the family of nations. I think that a successor regime would have to renounce nuclear weapons and keep agreements that Saddam Hussein made in defeat. The environmental damage they did to the Gulf is incalculable. They haven’t accounted for all the prisoners. They haven’t accounted for the booty they took away. (Ø)

Closing pleasantries.

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