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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Kiichi Miyazawa, Prime Minister of Japan on June 11, 1992 (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Kiichi Miyazawa, Prime Minister of Japan
Notetaker: Torkel Patterson

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: June 11, 1992, 8:35 - 8:45pm
Aboard Air Force One

The Prime Minister telephoned the President concerning the Earth Summit in Rio and the Shin Kanemaru visit. (Ø)

PM Miyazawa: How are you Mr. President? (U)

The President: I'm feeling good on my way to Rio. (U)

PM Miyazawa: Thank you for your hospitality to Mr. Kanemaru the other day. (U)

The President: I enjoyed seeing him. He's a nice man, a tremendous man. (U)

PM Miyazawa: He was very pleased and impressed by the hospitality. He was taken to your private residence and you treated him to tea. And on top of that he got to see Mrs. Bush as well. (U)

Thank you, Mr. President. This will help me a lot. It will consolidate the relationship between Mr. Kanemaru and me. This will be very helpful. (Ø)

The President: Happy to do it. He's a good friend and an excellent man. (U)

PM Miyazawa: I was planning to attend the Rio myself, but now the prospects do not look bright. I'm taking a dim view. We're in the final stages of the PKO bill for U.N. peacekeeping for places such as Cambodia. We're in the final stages and the Communists and Socialists are engaging in delaying tactics. We will be up for 3 nights and 4 days. The vote will be very slow. Each person's vote can take 4 hours. They will table motions. The whole process takes days instead of hours. (U)

It takes 25 hours from Tokyo to Rio. I've got to leave within 10 hours if I'm going to make it, and I don't think that I will. I hope you will understand if I don't show. (U)

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The President: Everybody will understand. I'll miss not seeing you, but everyone will understand. I'll make it clear to everyone, we know that what you are doing is important. (U)

PM Miyazawa: Thank you. Japan will sign two treaties, which I know there are some problems with. Also, Japan will spend between \$7-8 billion over 5 years in ODA. We will announce it shortly. I hope you will understand. (Ø)

The President: I know we have slight differences. We are alone down there, but I can't help it, it is what we have to do. (Ø)

PM Miyazawa: I understand the problems and the position you are taking. I think it is very courageous. We in Japan have a different position, but I do understand what you are doing. I hope there is no misunderstanding between us. (Ø)

The President: I spoke to Prime Minister Major the other day. He has a similar position to yours, but we also understand each other. (Ø)

I'm afraid I'll be attacked. (Ø)

PM Miyazawa: Don't worry, I'm sure you won't be. I had hoped to be of help to you. (U)

The President: I'm so pleased we had this conversation. Don't worry about not coming. I'll tell the Europeans and explain it to them when I see them. (U)

PM Miyazawa: One more thing. I was pleased to hear when you spoke to Kanemaru that you said you would raise the Northern Territories with Yeltsin. (Ø)

The President: I will do this. He knows our position on this. I will repeat it to him. (Ø)

PM Miyazawa: Is Mrs. Bush O.K.? Is she on the plane with you? (U)

The President: Yes, she's right here. She's sending her love watching an old movie. (U)

PM Miyazawa: Please give her my best and enjoy the movie. (U)

The President: Thank you so much for this call. All the best. (U)

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