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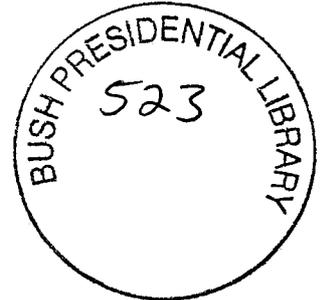
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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister
Interpreter: None
Notetaker: Barry F. Lowenkron

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: June 27, 1992, 8:12 - 8:23am
Camp David



The President: Good morning, Brian. How are you? (U)

Prime Minister Mulroney: Fine George, yourself? (U)

The President: Fine. Where are you? (U)

Prime Minister Mulroney: I'm here in Ottawa. (U)

The President: I'm calling you on Yugoslavia. Jim Baker talked to Douglas Hurd. We are increasingly concerned about the situation. If you've got a minute, I'd like to go over a few points with you. The situation in Sarajevo is awful. I don't know how bad it is, but reports coming out of the city indicate they are being deliberately starved. So, in our view, we have got to do something collectively. I am concerned. I had a briefing yesterday from Colin Powell and Dick Cheney. It is a tough military situation, with snipers in the mountains and all around the airport. But we ought to start moving. The first step is a UN Security Council resolution to use all appropriate means and to implement the relief effort. Butros spoke out on this yesterday. I think he talked about a 48 hour period, but I'm not sure. France and Italy are far out in front on this.

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As far as U.S. troops are concerned, they don't want them. But, we want to support any military action -- probably air and transport -- to get relief into Sarajevo. I've been holding back, waiting for the EC, but not much has happened. This is my first call. We need to think through how to do it. We've got two carrier groups in the Mediterranean. We're starting to consult on how to move forward. (S)

Prime Minister Mulroney: Your assessment is right on. There are two particular reasons why I am concerned. We have almost 1,500 Canadian troops assigned to the UN there. The head is a Canadian General. He is having a hell of a lot of trouble going even one

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or two kilometers. People are being picked off -- let me clarify, there have been no murders, but lots of shots from snipers on the hills. The situation is getting critical. The cruelty unimaginable. (S)

The President: It seems almost built-in. (S)

Prime Minister Mulroney: You know, Mila was born in Sarajevo, so I have a little first hand knowledge about the racial and ethnic difficulties. So we have to begin -- undercover of the UN -- to come together again like we did before. With your military assets, we will look to you to lead this international effort, and Canada will vigorously support it. (S)

The President: The next action will be in the UN. Baker is prepared to go to Europe. We thought the French were leaning back, but apparently not, although I haven't talked to Mitterrand yet. (S)

Prime Minister Mulroney: This is a welcome change. When I talked to Mitterrand six weeks ago, he told me that France's association with the Serbs went back to World War II when they were allies against the Croats, so France was reluctant to do anything against Serbia. He was surprisingly vigorous on that view. But, in light of the atrocities shown daily on television, he seems to have changed his mind. (S)

The President: Have you spoken to him recently? (U)

Prime Minister Mulroney: No, just briefly at Rio. It was short and sweet. What's your time frame? (S)

The President: Early next week, we will start with action in the UN, then discuss among ourselves our roles. But, the first step is to get the UN out in front again, then to have consultations. I am still concerned about putting U.S. forces in. It's because all of them have said it would be counterproductive. But we have all these other assets we can use. (S)

Prime Minister Mulroney: From what we can see, these are the traditional, old snipers in the hills, yet now with heavy artillery. (S)

The President: Yes, and shoulder fired missiles. Well lets stay in touch, but I did want to begin the consult. (S)

Prime Minister Mulroney: By the way George, Mila and I give you and Barbara a "10" on the ABC appearance. That's the way to go. Barbara's comments on Ross Perot were lethal. (S)

The President: She is pretty good. If it is true that Perot didn't do this, okay. But, he did call me, only it was a year before the incident took place. (S)

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Prime Minister Mulroney: He is like a rock star. He will flare out. What he said on "Larry King Live" last night was incredible -- "I have all this information on the Republican Party, and when the time is right, I'll release it." (S)

The President: Yes, reminds me of, "I have in my hand the list." Well, our love to Mila. I know this must hurt her. Tell her Barbara and I love her. (U)

Prime Minister Mulroney: Thank you George, our love to Barbara. (U)

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