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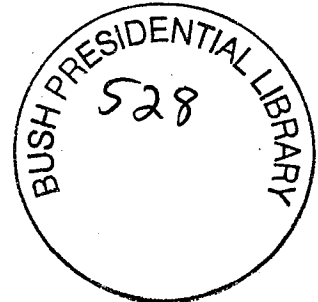
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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telecon with Helmut Kohl, Chancellor of
Germany on June 28, 1992

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Chancellor Helmut Kohl
Interpreter: Gisela Marcuse
Notetaker: Anthony Wayne, NSC Staff

DATE, TIME June 28, 1992, 2:00-2:16 p.m.
AND PLACE: Camp David



The President telephoned Chancellor Kohl concerning the present situation in Sarajevo. (S)

The President: Hello, Helmut. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: Good evening, George. (U)

The President: I'm calling to get your thinking on Sarajevo. Judging from your summit in Lisbon, the thinking of a lot of us is closer now. We think we need to go to the UN for a new resolution and then to go forward. (S)

Chancellor Kohl: I'm totally in agreement. (U)

The President: I don't know what Francois Mitterrand found, but I think what we need is a rather restricted set of goals -- to open the airport and to get the goods into the people and that's it. (S)

Chancellor Kohl: I do not know the results of Francois Mitterrand's visit in Sarajevo. I think we may hear from him during the night. Last night, we talked in Lisbon. We agreed that it is crucial that the airport be opened so food can be brought in and that this will be difficult to accomplish because of the geographic situation. It reminds the French of Dien Bien Phu. He felt one couldn't do anything beyond that unless the situation was totally desperate. (b)(1)

(b)(1) He feels the UN should adopt a resolution and soon. So, in principle I think there is no difference between us -- I mean in the view of Europe and the United States. (S)

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The President: I'm glad we are together. The question is what kind of force, is required. My instinct is that neither side will welcome U.S. ground troops. I'm thinking that we can provide air support and possibly air cover. We have substantial assets in the region, as you know. (S)

Chancellor Kohl: That is how I see it, too. In addition, there is the possibility of a sea blockade. (S)

The President: Yes, a possibility. We have to get our military people to see if it is feasible. We are looking at it now and talking with the British. If the UN thinks it will be useful, let's try it. (S)

Chancellor Kohl: Good. (U)

The President: You know my military is not enthusiastic about this at all, but they realize that we might have to pitch in and help resolve this. (S)

Chancellor Kohl: I think we can reach agreement on what to do. (U)

The President: I'm glad we are thinking alike. I know this case poses a special problem for Germany. We are not enthusiastic about military support, but we have to act. (S)

Chancellor Kohl: Stay in touch with me. I'll be here all week until the Munich Summit. (U)

The President: Good, I will. I'm looking forward to seeing you in Munich. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: I thought Jim Baker might be coming over here. (U)

The President: Well, we thought he might come over for this, but now I'm not sure. But we would like to have one more ministerial meeting on GATT before Munich. (S)

Chancellor Kohl: That is how I see it. I'd be very happy if say on Thursday or Friday Jim could go to Brussels via Paris. I think it would be good if he could first stop and see Francois Mitterrand. If he plans to do this he should call me in Monday or Tuesday and then I could talk to Francois again. (S)

Chancellor Kohl: We truly must make progress on GATT. I talked to Jacques Delors. He is in a better position as his term was extended on Saturday. I had a long talk with Francois on Saturday saying that we must try to move GATT forward. And in the communique we issued in Lisbon the EC stated that we want the Uruguay Round to be successful. And in all issues, agriculture and the other points as well. And, George, as I told Jim on the phone, I'm quite sure it will be helpful for the U.S. election if we have an agreement. (S)

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The President: No question about that. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: I'd really like to help, and if Jim is going he can call me. (U)

The President: I know that on some points we are inflexible and cannot move too far from Dunkel. It's true that we have pressure from our groups, but also from the Cairens group who support Dunkel. But I gather from Jim and others that we are not too far apart. (Z)

Chancellor Kohl: Yes, I agree and I think we need to make that visible. But we shouldn't try to deal with this at Munich. (U)

The President: I agree. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: Please George, tell Jim that I hope he goes. It is important that we talk before he goes. And, I'll talk to you this week, too. I'm not negotiating. That is the Commission's business. But I can help behind the scenes. (Z)

The President: I appreciate all your help. And I agree that we cannot spend our time in Munich nit-picking GATT or getting bogged down in it. We cannot let the Summit be diminished by this. (Z)

Chancellor Kohl: And you know, George, I want to be sure that you return to the U.S. looking good. As my friend, I want you to win re-election. (Z)

The President: That's wonderful. It's a bit better now. This Perot thing is under better control, and I'm less worried. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: George, I'm quite sure you will win. You know in Munich we have a private talk on my views on that. And let me repeat what I said to Jim, "Anything I can do to help, let me know." (Z)

The President: I really appreciate that, and I will pass on to Jim your message about GATT. Jim will be in contact with you if he goes. (Z)

Chancellor Kohl: Best wishes to Barbara. (U)

The President: Thanks. It's a beautiful day here in Camp David. Where are you? (U)

Chancellor Kohl: At home. And my congratulations for your daughter. You can tell her something special for us. We were married 30 years ago yesterday. (U)

The President: That's great. Thanks. (U)

Chancellor Kohl: Good-bye. (U)

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