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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt on January 2, 1993

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
President Hosni Mubarak  
Interpreter: None  
Notetaker: Edmund Hull

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: January 2, 1993, 8:04 - 8:10 a.m. (Local)  
Air Force One

President Mubarak: Hello, George. Hello. (U)

The President: Hosni, I hear you loud and clear. How are you? (U)

President Mubarak: Very well. Glad to hear your voice. (U)

The President: Sorry we can't stop in Egypt, but we have a very hectic schedule. We are now going to Moscow instead of Solchi which makes it a longer trip. I wish I could come. Anyway, I wanted to say hello to you and wish you a happy New Year. (U)

President Mubarak: I was expecting you to come, but I wish you good luck on your trip to Moscow. I'd like to see you at any time. (U)

The President: Well, that's very nice of you. I saw some of your soldiers in Somalia. They were a very impressive group of young people. (S)

President Mubarak: I am very pleased you saw some of our soldiers. (S)

The President: Well, we will continue working on Somalia, and now we are going to sign this agreement in Moscow. (S)

President Mubarak: All right. (U)

The President: I'm worried about Saddam Hussein. He has been testing us, violating the no-fly zone. We may have to take some strong action. We may have to do more there. We don't want to show lack of resolve. (S)

President Mubarak: It's strange that he should be doing this at the end (of your administration). It's very strange. (S)

The President: I don't know why. It could be he's trying to distract (his people) from intolerable conditions inside Iraq or that he is anticipating a new administration or he believes we are distracted by Somalia or Bosnia. Whatever, he can't get away with it. (S)

President Mubarak: He may think the world is busy with other problems. It's very stupid. He never has estimated correctly. (S)

The President: Well, I agree with that. Incidentally, it's important that the peace process move forward. We are disturbed by the deportations and the violence that caused them, but the Middle East peace process is vital to everybody. We must keep it going. I hope you agree with that. (S)

President Mubarak: I agree. That is why I sent a private message to Rabin through his Ambassador here. I did not want to embarrass him, but to urge him to find any solution so as not to impede the talks. (S)

The President: Very good. I'm sure the message will help. Well, I just wanted to say hello and Happy New Year. I am sorry I cannot make a stop. Thank you for the invitation to Cairo. (U)

President Mubarak: All right. Thank you very much. Have a happy New Year, and (regards) to your family. (U)

The President: Thank you, Hosni. We are thinking of you. I have only two weeks left, but if there is anything I can do, let me know. (U)

President Mubarak: Thank you. I'll call you. Thank you. Good luck on your trip to Moscow. (U)

The President: Goodbye and my best to Suzie and your family. (U)

President Mubarak: Thank you. Goodbye. (U)

-End of Conversation-