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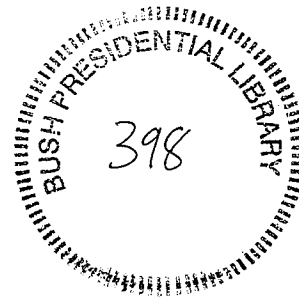
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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: One-on-One meeting with the Amir of Bahrain (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

The Amir of Bahrain
Sheikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al-Khalifa
Minister of Foreign Affairs

DATE, TIME October 15, 1991, 10:35-10:50 a.m. EST
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President and the Amir of Bahrain met in the Oval Office at 10:45 a.m. (U)

President: I don't have anything specific. I want your advice regarding the area. (U)

The Amir: There are some things not settled. Everyone is grateful to you. But there are problems--like between us and Qatar. (U)

President: I'm not familiar with the details. (U)

Foreign Minister Al-Khalifa: We have a border dispute. I don't want it to get like that between Iraq and Kuwait. We agreed to submit it to the International Court of Justice after the Saudis finished their mediation, but Qatar caused an incident, not even waiting for the Saudis to finish. We should solve it peacefully, not escalate it. Keep it friendly. (U)

President: Don't you have friendly relations? (U)

The Amir: Except on this. (U)

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President: How long has this dispute been going on? (Ø)

Foreign Minister Al-Khalifa: Since the 1940's, but we have a police station and policemen there. We just want it solved peacefully. (Ø)

President: We certainly can support a peaceful solution. We will find a way to speak out on it. Do you have a garrison there? (Ø)

Foreign Minister Al-Khalifa: Yes. It is twenty percent of our territory. (Ø)

President: We are committed to peaceful resolutions. Are they threatening force? (Ø)

The Amir: Yes. They attacked one of our shoals. In 1986 they took several prisoners who were eventually released. (Ø)

Foreign Minister Al-Khalifa: We felt we couldn't come here without raising it. (Ø)

President: I understand. Should we raise it with the Saudis? (Ø)

Foreign Minister Al-Khalifa: That would be helpful. (Ø)

President: How do we get Saddam Hussein out? Can we? (Ø)

The Amir: He has a very strong army. (Ø)

President: But do they support him? (Ø)

The Amir: Yes. He says he can survive sanctions for ten to twenty years. He brings in groups to adulate him. (Ø)

President: We would work with any successor group. We will not let up on sanctions. We still have some forces there who are prepared to enforce sanctions. (Ø)

Foreign Minister Al-Khalifa: We need to keep the pressure on. (Ø)

President: Are you under pressure on this in the region? (Ø)

The Amir: No, not at all. (U)

President: How about Iran? (U)

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The Amir:

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Foreign Minister Al-Khalifa: They are weaker than before. Their revolution finished them. (Ø)

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