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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Prime Minister
Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Bhutto
Shirin Tahir-Kheli - Notetaker

DATE, TIME January 23, 1989, 12:20 p.m. - 12:25 p.m. EST
AND PLACE The White House

President: I am calling to thank you for the very cordial message that you sent on January 20. I wish you well and I remember your father with special friendship. I also remember meeting you when I was at the United Nations and look forward to working with you. We have watched you take over in Pakistan under difficult circumstances. We want to help. General Scowcroft, whom you have not yet met, knows the area well and is also looking forward to working with you as does my Secretary of State, Jim Baker, who is a close friend of mine.

Bhutto: Thank you Mr. President. I too look forward to working with you and your Administration. Please say hello to your son. He was at Harvard when I was there. This is a difficult time for Pakistan, but with the help of the United States, we can get through it.

President: How is your brother? I remember meeting him.

Bhutto: I don't really know. I wish I could tell you and I will talk to your Ambassador regarding the subject.

President: If this is a sensitive issue, we will not discuss it. Our Ambassador, Bob Oakley, is a friend of mine. We worked together at the United Nations. He feels that you have accorded him every courtesy.

Good luck to you. If there is anything we can do, don't hesitate to let us know. Please give my regards to your mother. I hope she is doing well.

Bhutto: Thank you Mr. President. My mother is well and will be pleased to hear that we have been in touch.

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