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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with King Hassan of Morocco (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
King Hassan of Morocco
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AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President initiated the call. (U)

The President: Greetings to you, sir. (U)

King Hassan: Happy to hear your voice. (U)

The President: These are troubled times, Your Majesty. I just wanted to touch base. I believe that we're looking at these matters with the same degree of gravity and along the same wavelength. (Ø)

King Hassan: Absolutely and entirely on the same wavelength. (Ø)

The President: I have a special request for you. I hope that you can receive my very competent Secretary of Defense, Dick Cheney, on his way back from Saudi Arabia and Egypt. (Ø)

King Hassan: With great pleasure. (U)

The President: That is very generous of you. He will tell you what I'm thinking, of his talks with King Fahd, and with Mubarak, who is a good friend and who wants to be helpful. (Ø)

King Hassan: I would like to give you my brief views. First, the Arab nations demand international legitimacy to reconquer their rights, so they are under the same obligation to respect it among themselves. Second, I was sent into exile with my father because of a new king being put into power. We went into exile to resist. Saddam Hussein is a colonial occupier and Jabir must return. (Ø)

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The President: Exactly. (U)

King Hassan: Third, in general, all the world bankers never want war. The bankers must push for a return to legitimacy so all development plans can take place for the year 2000. I have one special concern that I would like to mention to you. Iraqi recruiting offices have been opened in Mauritania. They have 500 recruits already. If the Amir asks for strategic facilities to be extended to his friends, I will grant them. (Ø)

The President: That's great -- please discuss these matters with Dick Cheney. I think he's arriving about 8:30 tonight your time. (Ø)

King Hassan: No problem. (U)

The President: He is in Egypt now; maybe he has taken off. You would be very interested in his talks and then we could all be on the same wavelength. (Ø)

King Hassan: I will receive him. (U)

The President: I would be very grateful. I look forward to talking to you again. I told King Fahd that we would respond to a legitimate request to defend our friends. The United States will keep its word. The United States will do all it can to enforce economic sanctions. The whole world is ready to cooperate and I will take the lead to make sanctions effective. (Ø)

King Hassan: It is a great good fortune that you know and understand geography so well. (Ø)

The President: Well, it's a long way between the United States and the Gulf, but that won't stand in our way. (Ø)

King Hassan: Our Egyptian friends are well placed to help. (Ø)

The President: Regards from Mrs. Bush. (U)

King Hassan: I wish you the greatest happiness imaginable. (U)

The President: I still talk of the wonderful evening we had by the sea. It was very personal and genuine -- going beyond any protocol. (U)

King Hassan: We will repeat it anytime, here or in Washington. (U)

The President: Let's do it! Good-bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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