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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt on August 26, 1990 (Ø)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Mubarak
Interpreter: None required
Notetaker: Richard Haass, David Radi

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AND PLACE: Kennebunkport

The President telephoned President Mubarak concerning the situation in the Persian Gulf region. (Ø)

The President: Hosni, how's the world's greatest diplomat? (U)

President Mubarak: Fine, fine. (U)

The President: I'm calling on a closely held matter. I'm going to visit our troops in Saudi Arabia and I want your judgment. I want to show the proper interest in their well-being and am thinking of going around 5 September, but I'm flexible. The trip has been broached to King Fahd who is agreeable to it. If it doesn't look like too much of an American presence, I'd like to call on you and maybe two or three other leaders. I'm thinking about maybe Turkey or Morocco, but because of your key role in all this, I'd like to stop by for a night and show you how much I cherish your leadership. But I really want your judgment on whether I should come and, if so, whether I should meet with some other leaders. (Ø)

President Mubarak: You would be welcome. Let me think this over whether you should stay overnight, for lunch, or for a couple of hours. (Ø)

The President: Okay, and think of maybe whether we want to add a couple of more leaders. (Ø)

President Mubarak: I will study this and call you tomorrow if I can. (Ø)

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The President: Okay, please do call. See if it makes sense for me to be going to Cairo; I know it is a sensitive time. I see on CNN people chanting "George Bush go home," but hell I haven't even left yet! You might want to invite a few other leaders, or maybe not. I don't want to impose. Please be frank with me.
(Ø)

President Mubarak: I will study this very sincerely. (Ø)

The President: Everything else seems to be going very well. I am pleased with the UN action. We must stop the Iraqi shipping. It is not fair to our and your soldiers out there in the heat to allow these ships to just go steaming by. We will interdict them if we have to. (Ø)

President Mubarak: We must be very firm in the sanctions. (Ø)

The President: I was very pleased with the Soviet reaction. At the beginning I was worried, but not now. They seem to want to be part of the response to the problem. (Ø)

President Mubarak: It is good that you have brought them in.
(Ø)

The President: Hosni, let me know if you have any other suggestions. You know that you gave me the original suggestion for all this here in Washington long before Saddam Hussein came on the scene. You told me to get on the phone and call these other leaders. (Ø)

President Mubarak: Oh, thank you. (U)

The President: My only problem is if you invite my old friend Muammar Qadhafi. (Ø)

President Mubarak: He's a lot more sensible now. (Ø)

The President: You will have trouble convincing me! But, I will be glad to talk about it. (Ø)

President Mubarak: I will study your ideas and phone you tomorrow afternoon.

The President: Thank you and goodbye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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