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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with President Turgut Ozal
of Turkey

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Turgut Ozal
Nicholas Burns, NSC Staff (notetaker)

DATE, TIME January 10, 1991, 5:39-5:43 p.m.
AND PLACE The Oval Office

The President: Turgut, how are you? (U)

President Ozal: I am fine. I talked to Senator Byrd. I think he was considering about waiting for the embargo to work. But I gave him my reasoning. He said that he could not guarantee but thought there would be two resolutions. The second resolution would support you. (Ø)

The President: That's good. (U)

President Ozal: Then I said if you wait for the embargo to be effective, Ramadan will come and it will be difficult for the coalition. The hot season will start. U.S. soldiers will suffer. If there is going to be war, you should do it before Ramadan and the hot season. (Ø)

The President: Was he pleasant? (Ø)

President Ozal: I think he was pleasant. But I called him. Old democrats can't change easily. (Ø)

The President: It was very nice of you to call. (U)

President Ozal: I didn't say anything about you asking me to call him. I told him about the CNN interview and said I was following the discussion in the Senate. I said I wanted to give him my views. I said the President should be supported by the Congress. Saddam Hussein would get this message. (Ø)

The President: Thank you. I will keep it quiet. But I think it is very helpful. (Ø)

President Ozal: I will have my Ambassador weigh in too. (Ø)

The President: Thank you. It must be late over there. (U)

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President Ozal: I always go to bed late. (U)

The President: Thanks so much. (U)

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