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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Presidential Phone Call to President Mubarak
of Egypt on January 21, 1991 (C)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
President Mubarak
Notetaker: Sandra Charles, NSC

DATE, TIME January 21, 1991, 3:25 - 3:35 p.m.
AND PLACE: Camp David

The President initiated the call to President Mubarak. (C)

The President: Hello Hosni. (U)

President Mubarak: Hello, how are you? (U)

The President: Fine. I am just checking in to compare notes and to see how things are going. (C)

President Mubarak: Well, a couple days more, things will be good. (C)

The President: I wanted to see what you thought. The air campaign is going well. The weather has been bad in affecting the number of sorties and the bomb damage assessments. We haven't got full bomb damage assessments because we don't have full coverage from the air. Still things are better than we expected. We lost more pilots today but overall not as many as we thought. Things are going reasonably well. I wanted to see what you thought. (C)

President Mubarak: I've been following the campaign and following the weather. I agree with all the points. I have nothing new except to insist on the target. (C)

The President: I agree. We will not stop short of achieving our ends. I expect more will start speaking up to stop this. I just want you to know that I don't intend to do that. (C)

President Mubarak: I have sent Abdel to Syria to keep them holding to the situation. (C)

The President: I've been disappointed in Qadhafi. He's been making some crazy statements. (C)

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President Mubarak: I am sending the Minister for Information to speak to him tomorrow. I'll tell you when he gets back. (C)

The President: I think he is just grandstanding. (C)

President Mubarak: He will be giving him notice. We will tell him to be careful, he is not right, and it is dangerous on his side. (C)

The President: We are working with the State of Israel. So far they have been good and restrained. I hope this will continue. But Israel has been attacked twice. I talked with Shamir and asked that he let us do the job. But I don't know how long they will be restrained. (S)

President Mubarak: What Saddam Hussein wants is to start problems with the masses. Hopefully, he won't find an excuse to make this necessary. You have done a fine job with Shamir. (S)

The President: I don't know how long it will last, but it is important. What do you make of King Hussein's speech? (C)

President Mubarak: He likes the theater. There was one change in what he said -- both are mistaken. This is the first time he has said this that both are mistaken. He has never said this before. This is the only thing I picked up in his words. (S)

The President: Well, just wanted you to know things are keeping on. We will stay the course. We will not pull back. We will not knuckle under to public criticism. Support in this country is very strong. If you were watching CNN you would wonder. A survey shows 80 percent for Desert Storm. (C)

President Mubarak: 84 percent. Very good. (U)

The President: How is public support there? (C)

President Mubarak: It is still good. (C)

The President: Okay, I was just checking in. I wish you well. Let's all stay together until we get this man out of there. (C)

President Mubarak: How is Barbara? I heard she slipped. (U)

The President: She's right here on crutches. I will tell her you asked. Please give our love to Susie. And call me if you have any questions. (U)

President Mubarak: I will. Good-bye George. (U)

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