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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Prime Minister Demirel of Turkey,
June 23, 1992

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Suleyman Demirel, Prime Minister of Turkey
Interpreter: None
Notetaker: Jane E. Holl

DATE, TIME: June 24, 1992, 3:09 - 3:13pm
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President: Hello, Suleyman. I just wanted to talk to you about Provide Comfort II. (Ø)

Prime Minister Demirel: Provide Comfort II is going very well. It has passed from our government last night to the Parliament. They will discuss it on Friday. There will be no trouble; no reason to worry. I am able to explain the whole thing to Parliament and to explain it to the whole people. They are with us and they understand the reasons. (Ø)

The President: Well, I'm extremely glad to hear that. Saddam cannot be allowed to continue to threaten the people. (Ø)

Prime Minister Demirel: We know that and you should have no worry. Everything will go well. (Ø)

The President: I am very glad to hear that. On Cyprus, I am following that process very closely. (Ø)

Prime Minister Demirel: I am as well. The talks in New York went well. They will recess until July 7. I talked to Mitsotakis and we are going to give support to get a just and fair solution. We discussed this with Mr. Mitsotakis. We are improving our relations. Denktash will be coming to Ankara for an operation and I will see him and we will encourage him. (Ø)

The President: We have heard that Mitsotakis was very pleased at his talks with you. (Ø)

Prime Minister Demirel: Yes, I am pleased too. I think the whole thing was placed on a very friendly basis -- we had a good talk about our other disputes, not just Cyprus. But we will continue to help you with the new world order. (Ø)

The President: I am thrilled that you are so confident on Provide Comfort II. (Ø)

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Prime Minister Demirel: I have prepared public opinion here. The conditions when it started have changed. We understand the situation very well. As we see, we need to show power in Bosnia and Karabakh and I think we understand the value of the situation in Northern Iraq. We do need the power there too. (Ø)

I am trying to get support from not only my coalition partners but from the other parties too. The public consensus will support it. Don't have any worry. How is the election going? (Ø)

The President: Well you know our convention is not until August, so it's a long haul; we'll have a tough fight. (Ø)

Prime Minister Demirel: We are keeping our fingers crossed for you and we are praying for you. (Ø)

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