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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with King Hassan of Morocco on
December 3, 1992 (C)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
King Hassan
Interpreter: Stephanie Van Reigersberg
Notetaker: Bruce Riedel, NSC

DATE, TIME: December 3, 1992; 11:05 - 11:09 a.m.
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

President Bush: Hello, Your Majesty. This is George Bush. (U)

King Hassan: How are you? (U)

President Bush: Tres bien. (U)

King Hassan: Please again accept my sympathy on the passing of your mother. (U)

President Bush: Your message meant a great deal to me. You are very kind. I am calling you on Somalia. Let me run through a few talking points. First, the situation is at a crisis point. Thousands are dying. The relief agencies can not get enough in to feed the people. As the Secretary General pointed out on November 30, the core issue is security. The UN cannot get local permission to bring in enough troops. (C)

King Hassan: I am fully in accord with your initiative to send troops in under a single command. (C)

President Bush: That is good. We want to send a peacemaking force in -- under UN auspices -- to restore order. A regular UN peacekeeping force will follow to keep order. My request is for additional troop contributions. I hope Morocco can help with both the peacemaking and the peacekeeping force. Also, I trust we can get your help in the Security Council. (C)

King Hassan: What you propose is a courageous gesture. Morocco and I are entirely prepared to participate. (C)

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President Bush: We will be in close touch then. We will determine the size of our force in a few hours. The UN will decide in a few days. I am glad to have your help -- help from a friend the United States can always count on. (U)

King Hassan: Friends are only there to serve their friends. (U)

President Bush: Thanks. (U)

King Hassan: Let us maintain our contact through the UN missions. (U)

President Bush: I will tell our Ambassador. (U)

King Hassan: Best to Barbara. I hope you will vacation in Morocco. (U)

President Bush: Thank you. (U)

Goodbyes.

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