

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: President's Meeting with French President
Jacques Chirac - Exchange on Bosnia War
Criminals (S)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State
Donald Bandler, Chargé d'affaires
Samuel Berger, Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
John Podesta, Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff
Strobe Talbott, Deputy Secretary of State
Alexander Vershbow, Senior Director for
European Affairs, NSC Staff (Notetaker)
Marcel Bouquet (Interpreter)

Jacques Chirac, President
Herve de Charette, Minister of Foreign
Affairs
Jean-David Levitte, Elysee Diplomatic
Advisor
Francois Bujon de l'Estang, French Ambassador
to the United States
Catherine Colona, Elysee Spokesperson
Francois Delattre, Elysee Strategic
Affairs Director (Notetaker)
Christopher Thiery (Interpreter)

DATE, TIME May 27, 1997, 9:05-9:45 a.m.
AND PLACE: Elysee Palace

President Chirac:

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The President: If you look at the level of protection Karadzic has, he obviously senses that he is not a totally free bird right now. I think it is a good idea that the five of us meet, either before or after lunch. (S)

Samuel Berger: You would have to meet discreetly. (S)

President Chirac: We would not discuss any other matters. (S)

The President: We would need to have a public explanation for why we were meeting. (S)

President Chirac: We can probably do this without people asking too many questions. (C)

The President: I think this is a very important subject. (C)

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