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Kathy,

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: President's conversation with British Prime Minister Major

NOTETAKERS: Deuce Martinez and Thorn Turner

DATE, TIME 19 March 1995, 1022-1044 EST

The President: Hello?

Prime Minister Major: Yes Bill.

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The President: I can barely hear you. Did you have a good trip?

Prime Minister Major: Yes, the Middle East trip went very well. I would like to talk to you about Rabin, Arafat and King Hussein as well as a particular point on Iraq.

The President: I know we disagree on the trip by Gerry Adams to the U.S. We pushed him very hard on decommissioning of weapons. Irish Prime Minister Bruton did a good job holding up your end. We will continue to reach out to the Loyalists and I hope we can do more. We stressed two points: Adams must begin serious talks on arms decommissioning and made our expectations clear that funds raised by Sinn Féin must be used for legitimate purposes. On balance, the visit went well.

Prime Minister Major: I should have phoned you before the visit. I know we disagree on this. That happens from time to time, it's the nature of politics and friendships. There are several points I'd like to explain. I understand the domestic pressure you're under from the Congress and publicly. We've dealt with Sinn Féin for some time and learned about them

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The President: I'm anxious as well. I'm looking forward to your visit.

Prime Minister Major: Yes, I hope to have a crowded program. I'd like to discuss
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he Middle East. As
you know, I met with Rabin, Arafat and Hussein, and I'd also like to look at
Russia.
They're may be a
range of other things we should discuss.

The President: Let's talk about Moscow. Are you going?

Prime Minister Major: Yes, I think so. I'd thought of not going; it might be
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rd to have Chechnya
veterans marching by. Given the circumstances though, it seems that less trouble
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ll be caused by

going. I'm about 90% sure I'm going.

The President: I'm planning on going, but please don't say anything since it hasn't
been announced yet.

However, our celebrations here are the day before. It was scheduled over a year
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o and the consensus is

that, due to the D-Day celebrations over there last year, I should stay here.

Prime Minister Major: I understand.

The President: I think we should go to Moscow.

Prime Minister Major: Yes, we have our own celebrations here and then I'm off
to Pa

ris and Bonn to

meet with Mitterrand and Kohl. Then I fly straight to Moscow with a very hectic
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dule. I will tell

Kohl I'm coming. He's been going through some tough times.

The President: I'm glad you're going. I'm going to call Kohl and tell him. I don'
t see how I can't stay
here though.

Prime Minister Major: That will be fine. Is the Vice President coming?

The President: Yes.

Prime Minister Major: Fine. He will be very welcome.

The President: We've been working with Tudjman to keep the Peacekeepers in
Croatia

beyond the 31

March deadline. He was here this week. He is antsy, but it was still a breakthroug
h and we're making

progress in Congress on the unilateral lifting of the arms embargo. I'm sure you'll
be meeting with some
of them while you're here.

Prime Minister Major: Yes, I'll press ahead.

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The President: We just have to keep moving ahead by inches until they get tired of killing each other.

Prime Minister Major:

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The President: Well at any rate I think we are in better shape. I'm looking forward to a longer conversation on the Middle East during your trip. Christopher is there now.

Prime Minister Major: Yes. I think he achieved progress in Syria. The striking impression **** Rabin and Peres want to press ahead. They're in a difficult domestic situation with Likud ****.

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The President: We must do our part as well to help him. The House is very isolationists. They've cut some of the Jordanian aid from the budget.

Prime Minister Major: One more thing. Norma heard this also in some of her meetings. There is considerable concern toward Iraq, and they were very firm that this was a humanitarian problem, not merely support of Saddam Hussein. Before long, I expect we'll be seeing TV pictures of Iraqi families starving.

The President: But he can sell oil for food and medicine. (???)

Prime Minister Major: Yes, and he could have the sanctions lifted tomorrow if he
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uld abide by the UN
resolutions.

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The President: I'll work on it as well and we can talk when I see you in April.

Prime Minister Major: Yes, in April and then in Moscow. Good-bye Bill.

The President: Good-bye John.