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SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Prime Minister
Hashimoto of Japan, November 7, 1996

PARTICIPANTS: Prime Minister Hashimoto

Notetaker: Robert M. Uriu

DATE, TIME November 7, 1996, 6:30-6:37 p.m. EST
AND PLACE: The White House

President Clinton: Hello. (U)

Prime Minister Hashimoto: Hello. Good Morning. (U)

President Clinton: Good Morning. (U)

Prime Minister Hashimoto: This is Bill speaking, right? (U)

President Clinton: It is me, Bill. (U)

Prime Minister Hashimoto: Congratulations. I think the American citizens have been paying attention to the wonderful leadership you have been showing. Of course, I wasn't worried at all about the outcome of the campaign, but I wanted to congratulate you. (U)

President Clinton: Thank you. I was very fortunate. I want to congratulate you on your reelection as well. I am very pleased you are going to continue as Prime Minister and that we will have the opportunity to work together. I am looking forward to seeing you in Manila. (U)

Prime Minister Hashimoto: Thank you very much. We have already formed a new cabinet, as of yesterday evening. Foreign Minister Ikeda is staying on, as is Chief Cabinet Secretary Kajiyama. Mr. Kajiyama will be in charge of issues concerning Okinawa. So we are in the process of creating a structure in the cabinet through which we can continue to build on our achievements so far. Of course we would like to have a deeper relationship with the U.S. We will have the same priorities as before, and we will have grounds for an even better relationship, and to continue our close dialogue. (U)

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President Clinton: When we meet in Manila, we will have the opportunity to talk about this some more. I am looking forward to it. It is important that we review the special action committee recommendations. I also want to talk to you about the situation in China and Korea, and a number of other issues. But, I am very pleased that we are going to work together. I appreciate you calling me so soon after the election. (U)

Prime Minister Hashimoto: I myself am very much looking forward to cooperating on a variety of issues. We must cooperate together starting with China. Concerning the issues related to SACO, we must emphasize achieving an appropriate solution. The most likely alternative is the construction of an offshore heliport. This is the most important issue. I must ask your active cooperation in joining me in the remaining years. (U)

And, when we see each other in Manila the first thing is to congratulate each other on the elections. Also, my wife has a message to you and to Hillary: congratulations on the election. She does have a message that often it is the wives of the politicians who have the hardest time. (U)

President Clinton: That is certainly true. Thank you so much and I look forward to seeing you. It won't be very long. I know we will do good things together for the next several years. (U)

Prime Minister Hashimoto: Of course, you have four more years, but I am not sure how many I have. So I would like to take advantage of our time together to work for our mutual friendship and also to strengthen Japan-U.S. relations. And thanks for taking my call when I know you must be very busy. (U)

President Clinton: Thank you, my friend. I will see you soon. (U)

Prime Minister Hashimoto: Thank you. Good-bye. (U)

President Clinton: Good-bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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