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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE CALLS TO
PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR
PRESIDENT JACQUES CHIRAC
CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL

DATE: August 7, 1995

LOCATION: Oval Office

TIME: TBD

FROM: ANTHONY LAKE

I. PURPOSE

As decided at meeting this morning, to propose that I make a private visit to London, Paris and Bonn through the second half of this week to meet with counterparts in order to develop a new diplomatic initiative on Bosnia and Croatia.

II. BACKGROUND

Following up on our discussion this morning, attached are talking points for calls to Major, Chirac and Kohl. We are still working out the substance and logistics of my trip, so I suggest you avoid being drawn out on the details. (We are scheduling a meeting with you tomorrow afternoon to go over them.)

In the calls to Major and Chirac, we suggest you also reinforce the points made in the letter you sent them over the weekend about the impasse between the UN and NATO commanders over implementation of NATO's new air strike decisions for Gorazde and the other safe areas (copies attached).

Non-Balkan Business

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In the call to Major, we recommend you ask him to consider calling Nigerian Head of State General Sani Abacha and urge him not to impose harsh sentences on 40 alleged coup-plotters including former head of state General Obasanjo. We recommend you call him too, to follow-up on your letter,

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to which we have not received a reply.) Neither he nor the Nigerian Provisional Ruling Council has made a decision on the fate of the alleged coup-plotters. Abacha could make the decision independently. Your direct intervention may be the most effective means of influencing Abacha.

Attachments

- Tab A Points for Major
- Tab B Points for Chirac
- Tab C Points for Kohl
- Tab D Letters sent to Major and Chirac