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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Ozal of Turkey (U)
PARTICIPANTS: The President
Turgut Ozal, President
Notetaker: Robert Hutchings, NSC Staff
DATE, TIME AND PLACE: April 20, 1991, 9:42 - 9:49 a.m.
Camp David

The President: Turgut! How are you? (U)

President Ozal: Fine, thank you, George. (U)

The President: I'm afraid I'm bothering you, but I wanted to call and see how things are going. After our last telephone conversation we moved very quickly. (U)

President Ozal: I saw that. I thanked you on television for what you have done. (U)

The President: We have got to keep this operation temporary. We have no interest in dismembering Iraq or getting involved in a civil war. We need a UN umbrella of some kind. As Abramowitz told you, we are encouraging other countries to contribute contingents to the effort. We want to internationalize it. [REDACTED]

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President Ozal: [REDACTED]

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The President: I don't want those lives sacrificed, but I don't want the U.S. to become bogged down in a civil war in Iraq. (S)

President Ozal: [REDACTED]

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The President: I hope so. We have got to get him out. He cannot remain. (S)

President Ozal: [REDACTED]

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The President: That may do it. I have been wary about a war crimes tribunal, because people would then want to know how we can get him. We don't want to go into Baghdad to get him. (S)

President Ozal: [REDACTED]

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The President: People say that position has no moral principle. My principle is that any way to get him out is to the good. (S)

Presidents Ozal: [REDACTED] (S)

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The President: Thank you. You have been helpful in various ways. (S)

President Ozal: [REDACTED]

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The President: I don't have the exact details. Cheney and Powell are coming up to brief me soon. [REDACTED] (S)

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President Ozal: [REDACTED] (S)

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The President: [REDACTED] (S)

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I know you are busy, but I wanted to touch base. I wanted to be sure that what we are doing meets with your approval. We did so because of what you said about the conditions there. (S)

President Ozal: [REDACTED] (S)

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The President: You have been wonderful on this. (S)

-- End of Conversation --