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MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. LEWIS LIBBY
National Security Advisor to
the Vice President

CAPT WILLIAM P. MARRIOTT, USN
Executive Secretary
Department of Defense

MR. KARL HOFMANN
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Telephone Conversation with
President Bashir of Sudan

The attached Memorandum of Telephone Conversation between the
President and President Bashir of Sudan on November 16, 2004, is
provided eyes only for the information of the Vice President,
the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Defense.

Stephanie Daves Smith for
Gregory L. Schulte
Executive Secretary

Attachment
Tab A Memorandum of Telephone Conversation

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Bashir of Sudan (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, President
of the Republic of the Sudan

Notetakers: Jeff Blair, Laura Hart,
Chris Gilmore, and Jared Thomas
Interpreter: Nina Behrens

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: November 16, 2004, 10:57 - 11:01 a.m. EST
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The President: Yes, Mr. President. Good day, and thank you for taking my call. It is great to talk to you. (U)

~~President Bashir~~: Yes, thank you, and congratulations on winning the election. ~~(U)~~

The President: Thanks. It was a hard-fought campaign, but it came out the right way. ~~(U)~~

President Bashir: We were planning to sign the peace agreement before the election in Washington, but the [word unclear] delayed everything. ~~(U)~~

The President: We'll just sign it now. We look forward to seeing you in Washington, but let's get that agreement signed. It is a good way to show the world we can resolve conflict, and at the same time help us begin to normalize relations. I'm calling today to urge you to go to the U.N. meeting and sign this Memorandum of Understanding. And I have one other thing to say if you have a minute. I think it is very important to make sure our relations are normalized. I think it is also very important for us to continue to work on Darfur, that you not support the Jinjaweed, and that we get more African Union troops in place to work for peace. So that's why I am calling, Mr. President, and I want to thank you for taking the call. I think it's a matter of

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will, and believe making sure this North-South agreement is signed is important for your country. (S)

President Bashir: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, we are ready to sign this agreement. The obstinacy of Dr. Garang was an impediment, but we are ready and available to sign. (S)

The President: I will pass the word. Interesting, I just talked to your counterpart, and he said the same thing. Looks like this is a matter of getting people to go to the meeting, and we'll get a deal signed. (S)

President Bashir: We convened about this before. Garang is the one who backed out, and he is the one who made it late. (S)

The President: Well, now that the campaign is over, I am focusing on this again. It's a good agreement for both sides. You've worked hard on this. Now let's get it done. (S)

President Bashir: Yes, we are very appreciative of your efforts with this, both now and in the past. It was your work over the past few years that led us to this point, and we are very appreciative of this. (S)

The President: Very good, sir. I will look forward to seeing you in Washington to sign the agreement. (S)

President Bashir: Thank you. If God wills. (S)

The President: Thank you. (S)

President Bashir: Good-bye. (U)

The President: Good-bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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