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MEMORANDUM FOR


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Security Affairs

MR. WILLIAM P. MARRIOTT
Executive Secretary
Department of Defense

MR. HARRY K. THOMAS, JR.
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation with Minni Minawi of
the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army

The attached Memorandum of Conversation between the President
and Minnie Minawi of the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army on
July 25, 2006, is provided ~~eyes only~~ for the information of
the Vice President, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of
Defense.


V. Phillip Lago
Executive Secretary

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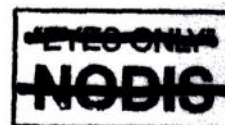
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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting with Minni Minawi of the Sudan
Liberation Movement/Army Leader (U)

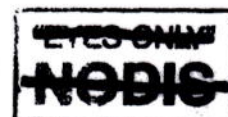
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The President: Welcome! (U)

Mr. Minawi: Happy to be here, sir. I appreciate what the United States has done on this issue of genocide. We want to deliver our message to you about the Darfur Peace Agreement (DPA) joining with the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. We need a protection force in Darfur. We appreciate the support of the African Union (AU). *(S)*

The President: How old are you? (U)

Mr. Minawi: Myself, I was born in 1969. (U)

President Bush: You are a young guy. How did you get into this position? (U)

Mr. Minawi: We had to fight for the position. *(S)*

The President Bush: Who are you threatened by -- *(S)*

Mr. Minawi: *(S)*

The President: Is that who is threatening your group? *(S)*

Mr. Minawi: Yes, they are threatening the AU for the implementation of the DPA. We want to transform our movement from a military organization to a political movement. We need your help. It is important that we implement the DPA. *(S)*

The President: Are there *(S)*

Mr. Minawi: *(S)* and others. If we get your contributions. We need guidance for development. *(S)*

The President: I want to thank you for being involved in the peace process. You took the high road. It is not easy to lead. You took the hard road. It is not easy to lead. We did make the decision. Our job is to get others to see how dangerous the situation is at this time. We told this to Kofi at G-8. If it is genocide, it is time to move. I strongly support the U.N. force and an element from NATO to help. We are pushing as hard as we can. I don't know when the forces will be there. I am told that we need Sudanese permission. We are providing a lot of aid. We need to get other people into the agreement. It is not easy to get people to sign on to the agreement. You need to

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set the example. You need not contradict the leadership. We are involved -- American citizens are troubled by the situation in Darfur. We have fired the diplomatic bullet. Our problem is that we put the Sudanese on the terrorist list. We will need diplomatic help [REDACTED] I am interested in your personal life. How many children? *let*

Mr. Minawi: I have a thirty-two day old baby. (U)

The President: That's the advantage of being a young leader. You can still have children. Are you short of food? (U)

Mr. Minawi: Right now it is very difficult to get food. (U)

The President: Do you have refugee camps? (U)

Mr. Minawi: We have internally displaced persons (IDP) camps. (U)

The President: Are there places for the people to return to? *let*

Mr. Minawi: No, the villages have been destroyed. They are waiting for development. They are waiting in the refugee camps -- the IDP camps. The people are starting to return. (U)

The President: [REDACTED] *let*

Mr. Minawi: [REDACTED] *let*

The President: Are they still talking through those walkie-talkies? *let*

Mr. Minawi: We have the opportunity to court them. We have some gap. *let*

The President: How did Zoellick do in Abuja? *let*

Mr. Ibrahim: We did not stay a long time. *let*

The President: Commander, how many troops are at your disposal? *let*

Mr. Khalil: Roughly 20,000 plus troops. *let*

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The President: We want to help you succeed. We need you to convince others to sign the DPA. America moves, but the problem is that we cannot move alone. Part of the reason why we are so frustrated is that it is taking too long. The problem is that we have spent too much time talking. ~~let~~

Mr. Ibrahim: We accept all the proposals. We are looking for a new Sudan. This can only be achieved with the efforts of all. The situation of security can only be achieved with an international force. [REDACTED] has its own interests. Looking for rapid deployment of its forces. Our analysis is they are threatened by the GOS. (C)

The President: Will they challenge the GOS? (C)

Mr. Ibrahim: In order to enhance the agreement, we need to speed up the process of development. (2)

The President: The third largest recipient of U.S. aid is Sudan. We support everyone. I want the help to get to the people, women, children. I hope the 20,000 soldiers would help get the food to the people. (2)

Mr. Ibrahim: We hope if they see development that it will help.
(U)

The President: What else are you doing in America? Are you going to Congress? (C)

Mr. Minawi: We have some meetings with Congress. We are concerned that the position of the U.N. representatives and their support for those who have still not signed the agreement.

The President: Who is the U.N. guy? (c)

Mr. Ibrahim: Jan Pronk talks when he should not.

The President: Did you tell this to Kofi? It would be helpful to send him this message. (C)

Mr. Minawi: We have sent many messages. It is a real honor. Thank you for the support of the United States. We are the Sudan Liberation Movement, and we will stand side by side with you against international terrorism. (c)

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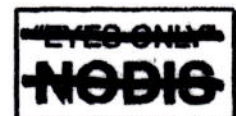
Mr. Suliman: Mr. President, I would like to thank you for this historical opportunity. We want change and new laws to foster cooperation. We need to prioritize human rights and respect for culture. (c)

The President: I believe every life is precious. Thank you for that statement. Thank you, and we will continue to press for peace. (c)

-- End of Conversation --

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