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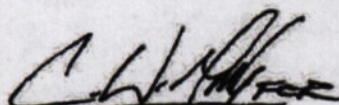
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SUBJECT: Memorandum of Telephone Conversation with
President Omar Hassan al-Bashir of Sudan

The attached Memorandum of Telephone Conversation between the President and President Omar Hassan al-Bashir of Sudan on August 8, 2005, is provided eyes only for the information of the Vice President, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Defense.


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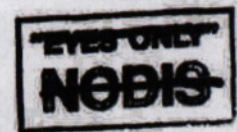
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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Omar Hassan al-Bashir
of Sudan (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Omar Hassan al-Bashir, President of Sudan

Interpreter: Gamal Helal

Notetakers: Susan Brockhaus, Jeff Blair, and
Michael Chapman

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: August 8, 2005, 10:58 - 11:08 a.m. CDT
Air Force One

The President: Mr. President, thank you for taking my call. (U)

President Bashir: Mr. President, I am the one that should thank
you for calling me. (U)

The President: It is my honor. Well, I am in Air Force One, so
if it is a little scratchy, that is why. Two things: First, I
wanted to call and offer my condolences on the death of John
Garang. I spoke to his wife this morning and expressed our
condolences. Second, I want to thank you for your strong
leadership and your call for peace and your quick response in
calling for renewed commitment in implementing the peace
agreement. Two other points I wanted to make, Mr. President.
First, I want to make sure you understand we think it is
important that the Sudan People's Liberation Movement be included
in the talks in Abuja. Second, thank you for appointing the Vice
President as quickly as you did. I suggest that you and the Vice
President call on all these Sudanese parties in the Comprehensive
Peace Agreement (CPA) for a voluntary cease-fire in honor of
Mr. Garang's legacy for peace. That is what I had on my mind,
and I appreciate you taking my call. (U)

President Bashir: Mr. President, at the outset, I would like to
thank you very much for this call and your encouraging words and

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congratulations on the efforts for implementing the peace plan and achieving peace. The new Vice President will be sworn in as the new Vice President on Wednesday and immediately we will work on implementing the plan. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that the major obstacles we are facing are the sanctions in Sudan. These sanctions are impeding the implementation of the peace process and peace plan in Darfur. Those sanctions are affecting the economy and also the logistical infrastructure, such as improving services of railroads that can transport food into the south as well as Darfur. Those sanctions stand as an obstacle to our priorities. (U)

The President: That is why it is important to go forward with the CPA accord and Darfur. That would make it easier to deal with these sanctions. (U)

President Bashir: Mr. President, in truth, a part of the problem is that, when the rebels see all these pressures and sanctions, it makes them less serious in negotiations, so they see those pressures on the government as to their advantage, which does not make them serious. (U)

The President: Well, I appreciate that. (U)

President Bashir: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] we urge you that Sudan's name should be taken out of the list of states that sponsor terrorism [REDACTED] (U)

The President: Well, we appreciate that, and we will take all that into consideration when we review the policy. (U)

President Bashir: Thank you very much, Mr. President, and I will be coming to the U.N. along the lines of the U.N. General Assembly meetings in New York. I hope I will have the opportunity to see you. (U)

The President: Thank you for taking my phone call, Mr. President. It is a good phone call. Keep working on peace and you will have the assistance of the United States. May the good Lord bless you, sir. (U)

President Bashir: Thank you very much, Mr. President. Good-bye, sir. (U)

The President: Good-bye. Good job, Gamal. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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