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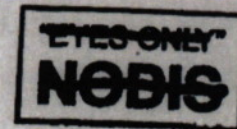
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MR. WILLIAM P. MARRIOTT
Executive Secretary
Department of Defense

MR. HARRY K. THOMAS, JR.
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 May 1, 2006, is
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the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Defense.

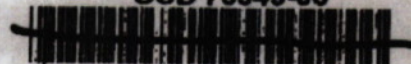

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Executive Secretary

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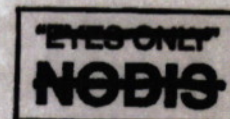


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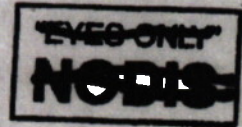


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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with President Bashir of Sudan

PARTICIPANTS: Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, President of the
Government of National Unity of Sudan

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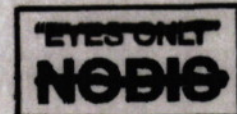
Notetakers: Jeff Blair, Thomas Croci,
Julie Brotherton

DATE, TIME May 1, 2006, 3:28 - 3:48 p.m. EDT
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The President: Yes, Mr. President. Thank you for taking my call. It is awfully kind of you to take my call on such short notice. The reason I am calling, sir, is I sent Deputy Secretary of State Zoellick to Abuja today to emphasize our commitment to reach a peace agreement on Darfur. Out of respect, I thought it was important to call you and let you know he was coming. I would hope that in order to get something done that it would be helpful if you could send Vice President Taha back to Abuja. Zoellick is close to me, as Vice President Taha is close to you, and it would be helpful to send him back, sir, to see if we can get something done. There is a big concern in our country, as I am sure you are aware. People are very concerned about the violence and the terrible situation that is taking place. There are protests around the country which should demonstrate our commitment and reflect the feeling of our country that we hope to get a final solution. It would be of great help also if you were to accept a U.N. mission with NATO assistance in order to resolve this terrible situation. I understand this is a difficult situation, but we have shown in the past that we are capable of solving difficult situations. The comprehensive peace agreement in the south that my country helped to implement is an example of the capability to solve these problems. I hope that you would continue to work with your Vice President to implement the CPA.

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That is why I am calling, sir, and I thank you for taking my call and look forward to your response. (C)

President Bashir: First of all, I would like to thank my brother, the President, for his interest and this phone call. I would also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the American delegation in Abuja, which has played a major role in the negotiations and has helped those negotiations to be successful ones. I would like also to thank you, Mr. President, for sending Deputy Secretary Zoellick to Abuja, and God willing, we hope for a happy conclusion and to sign a peace agreement on Darfur. Mr. President, when I sent Vice President Taha to Abuja, it took him three days to meet with the African leaders and delegation heads on Darfur. He was sent to demonstrate our seriousness and commitment to these talks. Frankly, his presence there was very important and crucial, and he worked very hard until they reached the final draft presented to the African Union. Despite the fact that we have so many reservations about the African Union paper, we have accepted the paper because we believe it ties all ends, and it reached a conclusion. Mr. President, right now, we have in Abuja a very important personal representative from Sudan. He is my personal advisor and someone I trust completely. I have direct channels with him, and if anything new comes out of Abuja, he will notify me immediately. I believe we have concluded the bulk of the work by completing this paper that was presented to the African Union, so I believe the bulk of the work is done, and I am in direct contact with my representative in Abuja. (C)

The President: My only concern, Mr. President, is we are very close to a deal, and I was hoping that the Vice President, who is a high ranking person and close to you, would be able to be there with Zoellick, who is a high ranking person and close to me. (C)

President Bashir: We are in direct contact with Abuja with our representatives there and with the head of the Sudanese delegation there, and we are available 24 hours a day if anything new happens there. If there is anything Deputy Secretary Zoellick needs, he can call Vice President Taha directly. We will inform Vice President Taha and his office that he should be available anytime there is a phone call from Deputy Secretary Zoellick. Regarding the peace agreement, Mr. President, right now we have a joint committee that is working for a joint meeting between the Leadership Council of the National Office and the political office of the People's Movement. The meeting will take place this coming Saturday and on the top of the agenda is the comprehensive peace agreement. It will look into the mechanisms and the means to implement responsibilities on each side. The second item on the agenda is the partnership between the National Conference and People's Movement in leading the country until we

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reach the upcoming elections. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a clear vision regarding what has been achieved so far, as well as what has not, in order to eliminate any real obstacles standing before the implementation of the agreement. (c)

The President: Good. (U)

President Bashir: Regarding the African forces in Darfur, the role that they have been playing is very appreciated, and we appreciate it very much. We believe what they need is additional support, and if they receive additional support, they will be very capable of carrying out their mission. We are very convinced that upon the signing of the peace agreement in Abuja, within 1 week the entire reality on the ground in Darfur will change. (c)

The President: That is very important. (U)

President Bashir: The plan here, Mr. President, is that we have a very comprehensive program that will be put in place in order to accelerate the return of displaced people back to their villages before the rainy season. This will allow them to start cultivating and have a stable life and will also help in reducing the international aid that comes to that part of the world. I also would like you to know, Mr. President, that one of the things we believe is very important, and we are doing right now, is to have reconciliation among the various tribes on the ground, and I believe that will help the situation in Darfur. The issue now is the signing of the agreements. I believe right now what is needed for the agreement to be signed is to apply more pressure on the movements. (c)

The President: That is why I am sending Zoellick. (U)

President Bashir: Thank you very much, Mr. President. (U)

The President: Thank you for your commitment. The key is that the suffering end. It is very important that the killing and raping end, and, if you think the peace agreement will stop it, that is very positive. I know that you want to be viewed as a man who is compassionate and who cares about human life, and now, sir, is the time to take the lead. I know that there are some difficulties on these agreements, but we have got to stop some of these groups that are killing people. It may mean we need more force to be able to do that, and it would be helpful to support a U.N. mission to do that and secure peace on the ground. Thank you for taking my phone call and giving me a chance to share my concerns. (c)

President Bashir: Thank you very much, Mr. President. (U)

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