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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 3, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

On Wednesday, June 27, 1990, I met with George Pao Kang Ching and Peter Megargee Brown at the request of Prescott Bush. Mr. Ching wanted to describe to me efforts being made over the past several years to improve contacts and interaction between Taiwan and the PRC. It was a reasonable description of a steadily improving relationship and made no exceptional points nor observations. Mr. Ching made no requests nor asked any favor, that is, it was purely an informational meeting.


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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting with Prime Minister Andreotti of Italy (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (Notetaker)
Sim Smiley, Interpreter

Giulio Andreotti, Prime Minister of Italy
Umberto Vattani, Diplomatic Adviser to the Prime Minister (Notetaker)
Carla Lonegro, Interpreter

DATE, TIME November 13, 1990, 4:15-4:45 pm
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: One question on my mind is the Uruguay Round. We can discuss it here or with the main group. (S)

You raised Crotone. We are committed to building it, but the Congressional action was a clear set-back. We don't control the Congress, so it is a difficult situation. But if you and NATO stay together, we will try to get the funding. (S)

Prime Minister Andreotti: We are solid on the matter, but we would like to know the prospects for U.S. funding. It would be silly to spend the money on our side if the U.S. portion will not be approved. (S)

The President: Brent, what are the prospects? (U)

General Scowcroft: (gives an assessment of the prospects) (U)

Prime Minister Andreotti: We can wait until next spring. (S)

The President: Maybe we can take soundings early in the new year. (S)

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Prime Minister Andreotti: All right. On the Gulf, the EC has put forward a good resolution, and it has opposed the idea of people going to Baghdad to try to win the release of hostages. Unfortunately, many Europeans are not abiding by this resolution. My press is after me on this issue. An attempt is being made to separate the U.S. hostages from the other hostages. I don't want to let that happen. (S)

The President: We are trying to keep our Congressmen from going to Baghdad. It is a cruel, inhuman policy that Saddam is pursuing. There is not the outrage here in the U.S. that I thought there would be. I am terribly worried about our Embassy in Kuwait. (S)

Prime Minister Andreotti: Confidentially, do you think there is a chance to convince Saddam Hussein short of military action? (S)

① The President: We are moving 150,000 additional troops to the region. I hope this will convince him that we are serious. A UN resolution would help, but I doubt we will get out short of the use of force. I believe he thinks he can out-wait us and divide the alliance. This country will back me if I say we have to use force. (S)

② Prime Minister Andreotti: We should try to get from Saddam Hussein: withdrawal from Kuwait and restoration of the legitimate government, release of the hostages, and a security system for the region. He can't be left with the -----
----- (S)

③ The President: An important point. We are talking about -----
----- (S)

Prime Minister Andreotti: We should think about who can make an approach to him. He is very isolated. Maybe the President of Algeria could do it, but he should make it clear that the UN is steadfast. I don't believe in the possibility of an Arab solution. (S)

The President: I have high regard for Bendjedid. But it would only work if he goes just to explain our position and to require Saddam's compliance with the UN directives. (S)

Prime Minister Andreotti: However, this might give him a way out. (S)

The President: Another scheme would be to send the Presidents of some small Muslim countries to tell him that he is destroying the

Islamic countries. This is a Mulroney scheme. (S)

Prime Minister Andreotti: It is not just a problem of economic dislocation; it is also Arab prestige that he is destroying. (S)

The President: Yes, that's right. Do you know Saddam Hussein personally? (S)

④ Prime Minister Andreotti: Yes, I do. I was there in 1978 to see if he might support chemical disarmament (?). His conception is wrong. (S)

The President: He is very brutal and unpredictable. I hope he understands that we are deadly serious. I want a peaceful solution. (S)

⑤ Prime Minister Andreotti: If ----- tell him that he should withdraw, free the hostages and agree to a security system, that may provide an opening. (S)

⑥ The President: But he wants one big pow-wow to resolve all Middle East problems. Shamir is a different ----- ? (S)

Prime Minister Andreotti: He has no intention of giving back the occupied territories. (S)

The President: That's right, but the Israelis are worried about Saddam Hussein. They are worried that he may bomb them as a way out of his dilemma in Kuwait. (S)

Prime Minister Andreotti: They are also worried about Asad and Syria. (S)

One more thing. It is important that we all say something to the Palestinians in order to stop the idea that we are abandoning them. (S)

The President: I agree, but the PLO is making it very difficult for us. (S)

Prime Minister Andreotti: Perhaps we can discuss the Uruguay Round with the others. (S)

The President: All right, let's go. (U)

Prime Minister Andreotti: One more thing. That lady I talked to you about last time (Sylvia Baraldini). (S)

The President: The Attorney General will have an answer when he

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visits Rome next month. I will tell him you raised the issue again. (S)

Prime Minister Andreotti: Before we were told that if a convention were signed between the U.S. and Italy, she could serve her sentence in Italy. It has been one year since the signing of the convention. (S)

The President: I told a group of Italian Americans that relations between our two countries have never been better and that I wanted to ensure that they stayed that way. Shall we go? (U)

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Version

P. Way Fisher 12/10/70

Dennis Ross went to I - Report?

- F Shammir wants to improve a relationship, esp. communications Persian Gulf & #1 issue. He wants to be helpful.
- P He has conducted himself well
- F He wants a strategic dialogue. Understands a need to be a silent partner in Gulf. He may make proposals on how to be helpful. Interested in what will happen & what happens after. There is big turnaround in his attitude. May want to talk Sov Jewry, response if Iraq attacks, establishment of lines of communication. He won't ask for \$ for emigres.
- Told ~~speech~~ in speech & would should support you in a Gulf. Will want to know what he should be doing after a Gulf.
- P What his views on peace process
- F He wants to involve a Arab states - not just Palestinians. Dennis going over there will be helpful. I feel they will be more outgoing on peace process after a Gulf.

status of I package.

Tulping point

P Doesn't he have a Sharon peab?

F He has better control of a govt now
but there are 4 who want to be PM
Gaudin wants sub. I helped sell a
one in 1988. (Gives the paper how
shut). I want to offer my services
cause I think I can help. My
theory is that if we get before a
submission - w/ all parties.

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President / Thatcher (ASPCW)

8/2/90

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P Joint US Sov statement
Also spoke to Mukharab & Hussein
~~Hussein~~ Both were going to talk to
Saddam & ranged go slow - needed
time. I said we couldn't accept status
quo - w/ decreased & restoration of
K Govt.

I guess you know what I did
this morning - freezing, etc. we
wondered about fund transfer. Moving
carrier bottle up from Diego.

T If Iraq wins and small state is soft,
They won't stop here. They see a chance
to take major share of oil. Got to be
stopped. Must do everything possible.
We have frozen Kuwait assets. Very
few Iraqi assets. Been asking about
trade sanctions - but whole world has
to do it. Wanted to test will of Arabs -

1.4(b); 1.4(d)

There is a lot of K & I oil on high seas.
Must control payments or haven't
P Do check our EC duty
T Saturday. Don't think any diff.
By Monday we should go to UN



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for sanctions.

P I worried people will get a distorted
to status quo.

T We must prevent that by moving
fast.

We have 1 ship in Gulf & 1 in Doha

1.4(b); 1.4(d)

P

T

P Saudis could make up for K & I oil
cut off.

T Iraq has to withdraw. If we were
certain in coming up w/ an early statement

P Iran cozying up a bit

T I don't know about China.

Any embargo must be total. No
cheating around the fringes.

P One of my fears is Israel's might
take some action. That's one thing
which could unite all Arabs.

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~~SECRET~~

T Doesn't it come back to trying sanctions
thru ~~the~~ UNISC. What's your assessment.

P Pickering was going to give a reading.
I don't think OZ will be too
helpful.

T I fear not. They don't...

The Arab League is rusty.

P Yes. The OIC is in Cairo now.
The military plans are not good.

T

1.4(b); 1.4(d)

Possibility

Discussion of Goro - mood of Baker
trip - CFE / W / etc.

P Margaret, we have a bill we put
W / Pak. we just can't certify. We
are in a real bind. Pak has offered
to cert it off, but I don't want

T World Cong apply it to both.

P Not so far.

T Can I go back to SV. Glesner says
they will be able to solve Berlin
agreement by time of confederation.
We must be invited to stay.

1.4(b); 1.4(d)

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1.4(b); 1.4(d)

They are having colossal problems on cost of maintenance
I think CFE was going well except for a/cft.

(Bumleweber trints)

P I so sorry about your cabinet minister.

T Thank you. I think on a whole a Cee
thing is going well.

P We getting reports indicating Gorb may
not last long.

1.4(b); 1.4(d)

T

Breaks to take Salih call

P (Describes Salih phone call)

This is a same way I got in now
sophis. way from Hessian + Mulvick

T What will we say to the press
But 1st, a Boon people. 1st asy her
states are ready to give up. We can't
take any more if others push them back
VN has to be pushed to take them back.
I will just have to say I raised the
question

P We want to be helpful. Maybe we
can push VN now we talking to them.

T I just have to say I raised it.

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1.4(b); 1.4(d)

T

P

S

T

1.4(b); 1.4(d)

T

T Can we start over? How is
UN coming

B OK. Probably 13-1-1, w/ Yemur cabinet

P Does that permit blockade?

B Not really.

T No embargo effective w/o blockade
(Discussion of blockade
techniques)

~~DE~~

I don't S.H. will leave w/o
pressure.

B ~~Stance~~ ^{Primary} is supportive.

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8-6-90 Pres / Telephone Calls

Iranians would be upset at Iraqi deception

T "The enemy of my enemy is my friend!"

P. Discussed extended supply line problem of
Iraqis ~~3~~.

Airpower advantage.

Hopes optimism is valid.

T. Ground forces must be ready to fight chemical
weapons.

B The only weapons people are Arabs
P But a more people who are Tough
a more Arabs will be pushed along.

B Let me tell you a change's conversation
w/ SH

Break for Cheney call

T we will send our Amb. back.
Your forces are offensive. No one is
attacking a Iraqi forces.

- Would increase their protection & compensate for embargo - and then over release to Kuwait.

- Reluctant to notify the gerts until units start to land in S.A.

- King appreciated plan -
Package showed on Saturday.
- Not concerned w/ what others might say.

- Held back only concern over size & content
- No formal announcement until troops arrive in S.A.

Detailed program

- 2 Tac Ftr 48 F-15
w/in 16 hrs - close by
50 hrs
- 1 Brig 82nd lift off w/in
18 hrs.

End 5 2

10

2

14 FEB

Big 5 notification 1st

by other guests.

Get

- Public support for a more
- other guest participation

Morocco / Egypt - requested by
GCC expected to participate SA

- freed re ~~the~~ by threats to
Kingdom
- No aggressive intention
- Stop forced activities

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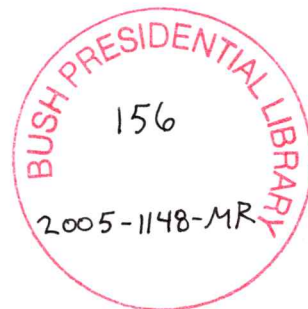
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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of
the United Kingdom (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs (Notetaker)
Henry Catto, US Ambassador to the UK

Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister
Antony Acland, UK Ambassador to the US
Charles Powell,

DATE, TIME September 30, 1990, 7:00pm
AND PLACE: meeting and dinner

((Discussion of budget deal) (U)

Prime Minister Thatcher: Politics is a question of alternatives.
I wanted to talk with you about the alternatives in the Gulf.
This is different from the Falklands, but there are planning
similarities. Then it was war planning. (b)(1)

The important
thing is that mens' lives are at risk. Therefore, they have to
go at the very best time. (b)(1)

(TS)

(b)(1)

(TS)

The President: I think there will be a provocation before all
our forces are in place. It could be terrorism. There is great
sentiment for letting the sanctions work. Right now we don't
want to name a date. We are reviewing contingencies and are
reviewing our regional plans. We are not far enough along to
talk dates right now. You are familiar with our plan. What do
you mean about the politics? (TS)

Prime Minister Thatcher: (b)(1)

(TS)

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The President: How about public opinion? (S)

Prime Minister Thatcher: It is OK in Great Britain. Sadaam is seen as a real dictator. If he withdraws, he would have to restore Kuwait to its former condition. (S)

The President: You mean reparations? (S)

Prime Minister Thatcher: Exactly. (S)

((There was then a discussion of possibilities for UN resolutions both on Article 42 and on reparations.)) (U)

Prime Minister Thatcher: We are committed to deal with this man. We must succeed. (b)(1)

(S)

The President: If he does, you could do the air campaign but not the ground campaign. If we are provoked tomorrow, we would have to respond. That could be a devastating punishment from the air. You have been briefed on the plan. It would be so devastating that we would control the air totally. This retaliation would not be a single strike on his nuclear plants -- this would be a major attack. (TS)

Prime Minister Thatcher: (b)(1)

(TS)

((Discussion with explanation from General Scowcroft.)) (U)

Prime Minister Thatcher: (b)(1)

(TS)

The President: The status quo ante may not be enough. Sadaam has done too much damage. (S)

Prime Minister Thatcher: (b)(1)

(b)(1)

(TS)

((Secretary Baker then arrived and joined the conversation.)) (U)

The President: Fill us in on UN options. (S)

Secretary Baker: Unless we can show we have tried to stay within the international consensus, we risk losing public support for what we have to do. We have to divide provocation from non-provocation. If we think it is time to move, it is important to have consulted. (S)

((There was then another discussion of going to the UN.)) (U)

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Prime Minister Thatcher:

(b)(1)

(S)

The President:

(b)(1)

(TS)

General Scowcroft: But if you don't follow up with ground forces there could be cause to end the violence and turn opinion against ever using ground forces. (S)

Prime Minister Thatcher: It is likely they will use chemicals. We think a deterrent to chemical use is with chemical weapons. (TS)

The President: I don't we think we have to fear chemical weapons. He is not twenty feet tall. (TS)

Prime Minister Thatcher:

(b)(1)

(TS)

The President: They think if we can wipe him off the face of the earth, that is enough. (b)(1)

(b)(1)

(TS)

Prime Minister Thatcher: But we need something to deter him. (S)

The President: I need your views on the embassy situation. We don't want to be the last ones remaining. Some embassies want to close. (S)

Secretary Baker: The EC doesn't want to go jointly. (S)

Prime Minister Thatcher: We've committed ourselves to stay as long as possible. (S)

The President: This guy has to go. (S)

Prime Minister Thatcher: People say let's deal with him now. (S)

((Participants move to the dining room and were joined by Ambassadors Acland and Catto.)) (U)

Prime Minister Thatcher: There are these continual proposals for negotiations and concessions. (b)(1)

(S)

The President: I like that. We can't let all this erode. (S)

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Prime Minister Thatcher:

(b)(1)

(S)

((There was then a discussion of Gorbachev, including the economic situation in the Soviet Union and his request for soft loans from the West for consumer goods.)) (S)

The President: What's happening in China? (S)

Prime Minister Thatcher: They are once again beginning to disperse economic power. Economic reform is going on, but there is a struggle for power. Li Peng is less in favor. (S)

The President: Are you less or more concerned now about the future of Hong Kong? (S)

Prime Minister Thatcher: I think if we play it coolly we will be alright. (S)

((There was then an interlude in the substantive discussions.))
(U)

Prime Minister Thatcher: There is a challenge coming to us from the world that we will not be able to meet: the economic problems of the Soviet Union, East Germany, Europe and all the third world -- all seeking help. (S)

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P/Thatcher 9/30/90

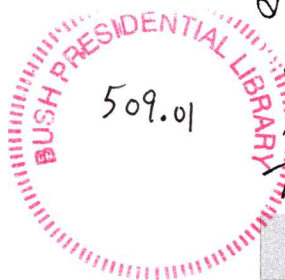
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(Budget deal discussion)
T Politics is a question of alternatives
I wanted to talk w/ you about a real
alternatives. This is my own feelings
but there are planning sentiments
then it says W X. (b)(1)

The important thing is a investments
are at risk. They have to go at a very
best time. (b)(1)

(b)(1)

P I think there will be a provision
before all these are in place. Could
be there. There is great
sentiment for letting a countries
work. We right now don't have
a date. We reviewing everything
& reviewing our regional plan.
We not far away along to talk



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(b)(1)

T
P How about pub opinion
T It is OK in C-B. He is seen as
a real dictator. If he w/d like
he would have to restore Kuwait

P Repatriations

T Exactly.

(Discussion of possibilities of UN
resolutions - 42 and repatriations.
We are committed to deal w/ this
man. We must succeed.

(b)(1)

P If he does, we will do a air
campaign but not a ground
campaign. If we provoked terrorism;
we would have to respond. Fleet
could be a devastating power from
the air. You have been briefed

SECRET

on a plan. It would be ~~so~~ so devastating that we would control air totally. This retaliation would not be a single strike on his one plant - this would be major.

T (b)(1)

P But we could do a air campaign (Disruptive w/ no explanation)

T (b)(1)

P Status quo note may not be enough. He has done so much damage

T (b)(1)

(Baker arrives)

P Fill us in on UK options.

B Unless we can show we have tried to win a real consensus, we risk losing public support for what we have to do.

Divide provocation from non-provocation.

If we think it time to move, it is

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importance to have consulted.
(another discussion of merits
& going to CX)

T (b)(1)

P

2 ~~B~~ But if you don't follow up w/ ground
pros we could lead to calls to end
evidence & turn opinion against
ever using ground pros.

T It is likely they will use chemicals
we think a deterrent to Chem case is
Chem.

P I don't think we have to fear Chem.
He is not 20 ft tall

T (b)(1)

P I think if we can wipe him off
a face of earth, that is easy. I don't
think we need to threaten Chem.

T But we need something to deter
him.

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P I need your views on Embargo
sit. We don't want to see a last
ones remaining. Some embargoes
want to close.

B The EC doesn't want to go jointly
T We have wanted to stay as long as
possible.

(Move to Dining Room)

P This guy has to go
T My people say let's deal w/ him
now.

T There is continual proposal for
negotiations & concessions. (b)(1)

P I like that. We can't let it all
go.

T (b)(1)

(Discussion of Gorbachev)

- Ecom sit?
- Requests for soft loans
for consumer goods.

P What's happening in China
T They are negotiating beginning

~~SECRET~~

to disperse econ power. Econ reform is going on, but there is a struggle for power. Li Peng is less in favor.

P Are you less or more concerned about HK future.

T I think if we play it coolly, we will be all right.

T There is a challenge coming to us from a world we can't meet - the econ power of CSU, EEU, and all 3rd world seeking help.

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telecon with Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on 18 October 1990

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister
Brent Scowcroft (Notetaker)
Charles Powell, Assistant to Prime Minister

DATE, TIME: October 18, 1990, 1330 - 1400
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: I share much of your concern. I agree with much. I wonder if we can wait to allow sanctions to work. Worry about mingling in Palestinian problem -- effect on cohesion of our side -- working on Shamir. ^{1.4(b); 1.4(d)}

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Prime Minister Thatcher: Time is on Saddam Hussein side. He will use it to say we are weak in resolve and will agree to withdraw under all sorts of conditions. He will undermine Arab solidarity. I too worry about the Palestinian problem. ^{1.4(b); 1.4(d)}

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Your paragraph on 30-45 days. Diplomacy has had 11 weeks. Hasn't worked; won't work. UNSC negotiation will undermine our resolve. The Islands will go, etc. We need to take first opportunity to get Saddam Hussein out.

The President: Agree. ^{1.4(b); 1.4(d)}

^{1.4(b); 1.4(d)} Same basis as he had before -- no concessions. But let me move to an urgent issue. There is a UN resolution before us. I hope we are together on it. To me, this could lead to use of force. (Used his argument.) Want you to know if it is undertaken (hope you would join) it could be the provocation.

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Sorry to spring this on you but it is urgent because not many embassies left.

Prime Minister Thatcher: First, not only people in embassies. There are many in hiding. They will be shot if they come out. Must be other nations in the same fix. Second, embassy in Baghdad - same argument applies and also to civilians in Iraq. They could think this is a prelude to attack and preempt with their missiles. Our embassy thinks they can't leave when so many people are there in hiding. So there are problems.

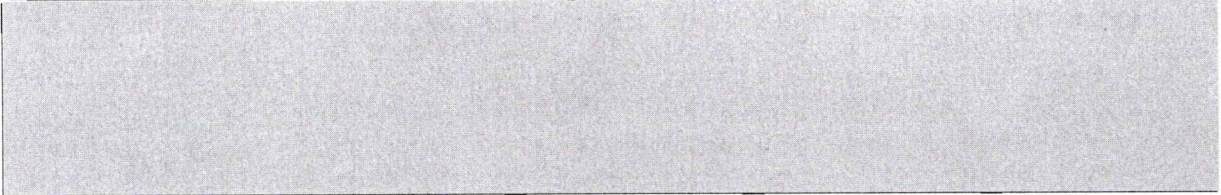
The President: Difficulty about Kuwait and Baghdad is we can't do anything about Baghdad. We not doing any good for the people in hiding.

Prime Minister Thatcher: We are. We are in touch with some.

The President: So you think provisional is the best way.

Prime Minister Thatcher: Yes. We have one phone line open. If we tried to collect people they would put themselves in jeopardy.

The President: I wouldn't ok people to come out of hiding. ^{1.4(b); 1.4(d)}



Prime Minister Thatcher: The brutality gives us general cause to go when we ready. Don't need more cause. Our embassies are there to protect our people. If we leave aren't we deserting our people. ^{1.4(b); 1.4(d)}



The President: Our embassy must chose anyway. We can't service our people anyway. We are ready for the air campaign. We don't have unlimited time. This appeals to us to act on a moral basis and to act together.

Prime Minister Thatcher: Let me think about it. Your point is to do as much as you can even if you can't do everything.

The President: Yes. We can't get them all -- especially those chained to factories, etc. Our people will be starved out soon -- why wait for that. ^{1.4(b); 1.4(d)}



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Prime Minister Thatcher: Let me think. We are thinking along the same line. I understand your point.

The President: We could do it alone, with you, or whatever. One problem is whether we are ready for full assault yet. (More exploration of our concepts.) Saddam Hussein not 25 feet tall.

Prime Minister Thatcher: We don't have that much time. Can't wait for military to say we need more time. It better for us to keep together but I have to think further about it.

The President: I think the resolution is moving. And if I'm faced with prospect of our people being shipped off to Baghdad, that's bad.

Prime Minister Thatcher: Emir coming next week. He has a letter. We may hold up signing because I know you have some problems. One more point. We see much military activity in the Soviet Union around military bases. We don't know what to make of it. Question is should we tell Gorbachev. I'm inclined not to.

The President: We don't know either. We'll work into it and Brent will call Charles.

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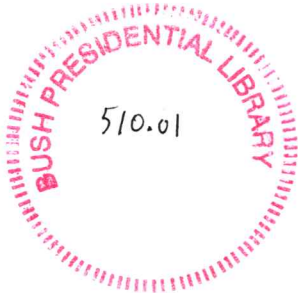
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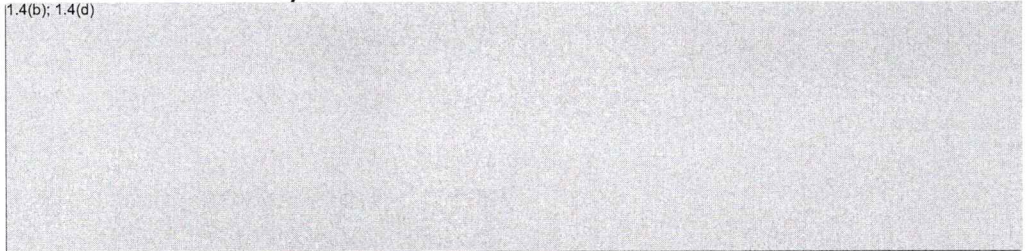
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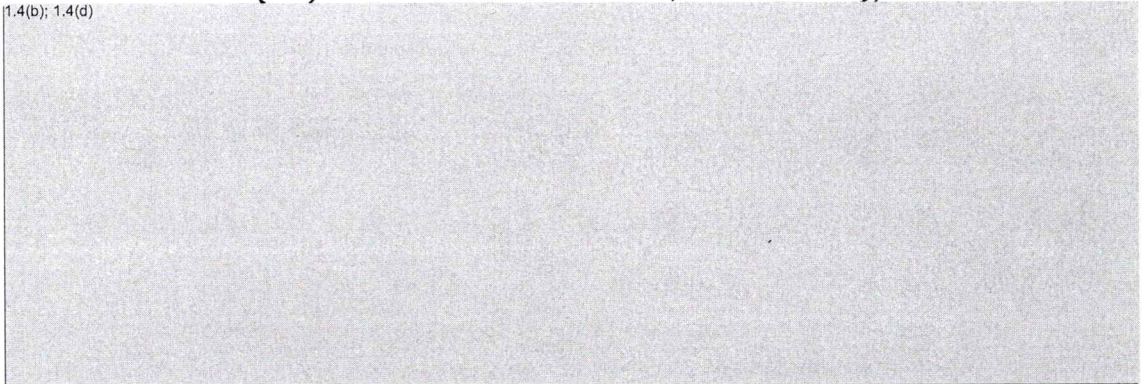


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