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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher  
Philip Zelikow, NSC Staff (notetaker)  
Kay LaPlante, NSC Staff (stenographer)

DATE, TIME: June 5, 1989, 12:02 p.m. - 12:09 p.m.

AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President, after thanking the Prime Minister again for her hospitality during the President's stay in London, said he wanted to discuss the situation in China. (U)

Prime Minister Thatcher congratulated the President on his trip to Europe and called it a marvelous success. (b)(1) (U)

The President called attention to the statement he had issued today (June 5) which, while it might not satisfy critics to the right or the left, deplored the violence and suspended certain military transactions. Before going further, the President wanted to "touch base" with the Prime Minister, knowing her sensitivities about the Hong Kong issue. (U)

Prime Minister Thatcher welcomed the call. (b)(1) (U)

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The President said that he had talked to the U.S. Ambassador in Beijing about his concern for the lives of American students studying in China. There were rumors of a possible move by the military against the universities. The President said he was assured not to worry about the Americans. The President was reluctant to do more at this time because he did not know what was really happening inside the capital. (U)

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Prime Minister Thatcher | (b)(1)

(b)(1) (S)

The President agreed. (S)

Prime Minister Thatcher said that there was only a small number of British students in China, about 50-60, and they were all now in the British Embassy. | (b)(1)

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The President said he thought the authorities would find a way to control any danger to foreign students. He also noted the factional divisions within the Chinese army. He assured the Prime Minister that, if the U.S. came across information that affected British interests, especially on Hong Kong, he would let the Prime Minister know about it. (S)

Prime Minister Thatcher | (b)(1)

(b)(1)

The President said that he had issued a modest statement. He emphasized the need to preserve the U.S.-China relationship. (S)

Prime Minister Thatcher | (b)(1)

(b)(1)

The President said this was possible. He would talk to Secretary Baker and General Scowcroft about it. The situation in China was indeed appalling. (S)

Prime Minister Thatcher | (b)(1)

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The President speculated about Deng Xiaoping's cancer condition. (S)

Prime Minister Thatcher | (b)(1)

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The President assured the Prime Minister that he would stay in touch. He wanted the Prime Minister to know that the U.S. was sensitive to the Hong Kong problem. If he saw something of general concern, or specifically pertaining to the Hong Kong issue, he would let the Prime Minister know. (S)

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR G. PHILIP HUGHES

FROM: PHILIP ZELIKOW *PZ*

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation for the President's  
Telephone Conversation with Prime Minister  
Thatcher, June 5, 1989

Attached at Tab I is the subject Memorandum of Conversation.

Robert Blackwill concurs.

Recommendation

That you file the Memorandum of Conversation for the President's  
telephone call to Prime Minister Thatcher on June 5, 1989,  
attached at Tab I, for the record.

Attachment

Tab I - Memorandum of Conversation

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By *PAC* NARA, Date *12/31/07*

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