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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Senator Baker, Prince Bandar and General Powell

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, September 16, 1987
1:00 P. M.

PLACE: Senator Baker's Office - The White House

Prince Bandar expressed his appreciation for Senator Baker taking time to see him. He began the conversation with a discussion on the Persian Gulf and mentioned that the Saudi Government has been cooperating more with the United States than they have been able to talk about. They are constrained by the need for operational security as well as the general problem of leaks and the openness of information in the United States. Prince Bandar said that notwithstanding these concerns he would be making a concerted effort after his return from the Kingdom to see members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Senators Dole and Byrd to brief them more fully on the level of support that the Kingdom has been providing to the United States in the region.

Senator Baker responded that he and the President had been kept regularly informed by Frank Carlucci and Colin Powell of the level of support that the Saudis have been providing. He encouraged Prince Bandar to talk to Senators Dole and Byrd as well as a bipartisan cross-section of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Prince Bandar turned to the arms sale issue. He noted that one of the weakest points in our argument for some of the weapons systems is that we are willing to wait extremely long periods of time for the first delivery. For example, he thought the case for the Maverick missile would be strengthened enormously if on the basis of the current threat situation the package were to provide 200 Maverick's immediately from present stocks with the remaining 1400 to be delivered from the production line. He then also noted that the case for the F-15 attrition aircraft was a clear one and that there was an immediate need for two attrition aircraft but the remainder of the package will remain in the United States until needed. He underscored the need for the MSIP program as the only way in which the Saudis Fleet can remain current with the U. S. Air Force Fleet. If not for that fact, they would just as soon avoid spending the money for MSIP.

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Prince Bandar then turned to the process needed to get approval of the arms sale package. He reminisced with Senator Baker on the successful manner in which the AWACS sale was concluded in 1981. He again hoped that the President would give firm directions for all departments to work together in a cohesive and synchronized manner to push the package. He observed that the key element in 1981 was the personal involvement of the President and the Chief of Staff with their time and energy. He hoped that that would again be the case.

Senator Baker responded that the President has frequently restated his commitment to the package to include the Mavericks which had to be withdrawn earlier in the year. He assured the Prince that we understood the nature of the commitment that was required by the President and himself to push the package across. General Powell described the interagency process that we will use to push the arms sales.

Prince Bandar expressed some concern that some people in the Administration might think that he tries to play one department off against the other and may spend too much time visiting various parts of the bureaucracy. He said that that was not the case and it was essential for him to be able to provide the King his best insights into American thinking on key foreign policy issues. It was especially important for him to be able to have occasional access to the President so that he would be able to respond to the King when the King asks him, "What does the President think?" He pointed out that the American Ambassador enjoys this sort of access to King Fahd.

Prince Bandar gave a dissertation on the Middle East peace process. He said that this was perhaps the best time to go for broke on the peace process. He believes the King has some ideas which he will bring back with him from the Kingdom. He said that the problem has to be dealt with as a mosaic; not just Lebanon or just Syria or just Jordan or just the PLO, but as a complete mosaic. His bottom line was that he thought the time was approaching for a peace conference. He further indicated that he thought we should be less concerned about the role that the Soviets might play. He noted that he and his colleagues in the Kingdom try not to see a Red Threat hiding behind every tree. He also said that as a practical matter the Soviets cannot be ignored in this process. He said we should not be concerned about their involvement because in the final analysis they really have nothing to offer.

The Senator thanked him for his comments and said we would look forward to his comments upon his return from the Kingdom. In a concluding remark, the Senator assured Prince Bandar that as the arms sales proceeded he could count on the Senator's close and personal involvement.