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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with the President Bashir of Sudan
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, President of
the Republic of Sudan

Notetakers: Nikki Williams, Chris Fatheree,
and David Lee

Interpreter: Gamal Helal

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: December 8, 2003, 7:34 - 7:47 a.m. EST
Oval Office

The President: Good day, Mr. President. How are you, sir? (U)

President Bashir: Happy holidays, Mr. President. (U)

The President: Oh, thank you very much. We're looking forward to it. It's a very festive time of the year here in America, but there's a lot of work to be done. (U)

President Bashir: We are very delighted to hear your voice for the first time in this phone call. (U)

The President: Thank you, sir. It's a voice that's appreciative of the progress being made towards peace. It is a voice, though, that recognizes there is more work to be done, so I'm calling to urge you, as a leader, to resolve differences between the south of your country and show the world that you are capable of making peace. And finally, mine is a voice that says that it is important for the United States and the Sudan to resolve differences. And when you achieve peace, it will make it easier for me to change America's attitude towards your country. I would welcome you to a peace signing ceremony here at the White House. So I am calling in this season of peace and joy to urge you to get this deal done, to finish the process and show the world the capacity of men of good will to come together and to lead your country towards a better future. (e)

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President Bashir: Mr. President, thank you very much. I am grateful for those kind words, those words of encouragement. It is very important to all of us, and here I am speaking on behalf of all Sudanese, to express our sincere appreciation for your efforts in order to achieve peace in Sudan. Mr. President, the truth is that what we have achieved so far would not have been possible without your involvement, your personal involvement, and for that we are grateful. And, we are seriously committed to everything we commit ourselves to. Mr. President, a couple of days ago in the same spirit, I announced publicly that the civil war in Sudan has ended. With the same spirit, for the first time in Khartoum, we hosted and received a delegation from the southern movement, which is a clear indication. It was the first time we received a delegation after this war that lasted for 20 years. We have welcomed the southern movement to transform itself into a political party and they have started to migrate their efforts into a political party. Perhaps you have heard that prior to the departure of our Vice President to Kenya to resume his role as negotiator, he was able to sign an agreement with a gathering of the national opposition groups and that prepares the ground for signing a peace agreement with the southern movement. (e)

The President: Thank you. (U)

President Bashir: Mr. President, we as a government are fully prepared to sign a peace agreement with the movement. What is needed right now from them is some flexibility and some reasonable requests, particularly regarding some of the sensitive issues, and here I am referring to three areas. We see that the Declaration of Principles and the Machakos agreement both stated very clearly that these parts are part and parcel of the north, which are in the parameters that have been determined since the colonial days. We don't have any problem of looking into these issues regarding the future of those areas, except the right of self-determination. We are not prepared to look at this, but we are interested in looking at other things to solve these issues. (e)

The President: Well, Mr. President, I appreciate your attitude. (e)

President Bashir: Mr. President, without the right to self-determination or a referendum, we are prepared to entertain any other ideas. (e)

The President: I fully understand that. My point is you obviously want to work towards peace. I'm going to call Dr. Garang and remind him of the vision for peace and the deep desire to improve the lives of all people. I believe you have that

desire, sir, and I want to thank you for that. I look forward to welcoming you to one of the most important peace signing ceremonies of all time because a lot of people didn't believe it would come. ~~(C)~~

President Bashir: Thank you very much for your position, and we look forward to being together in Washington to sign a peace agreement. ~~(C)~~

The President: Thank you, Mr. President, and I look forward to talking to you again. Thank you, sir. (U)

President Bashir: Today, Mr. President, we hosted Franklin Graham, and we had a good conversation. ~~(C)~~

The President: Oh, good. He's a good fellow. ~~(C)~~

President Bashir: And, we have received a new slogan for the new campaign. ~~(C)~~

The President: What is it? (U)

President Bashir: It's the sticker that says "W for 2004." (U)

The President: Thank you, sir. (U)

President Bashir: Thank you very much, sir, and good luck. (U)

The President: Bye. (U)

President Bashir: Bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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SUBJECT: Telcon with SPLM Chairman Garang (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
John Garang, Chairman of the Sudan People's
Liberation Movement

Notetakers: Chris Fatheree, Nikki
Williams, and David Lee

DATE, TIME: December 8, 2003, 7:49 - 7:56 a.m. EST
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President: Good day, sir. How are you? (U)

Chairman Garang: I am fine, sir. It is good to speak to you.
(U)

The President: Listen, I'm calling to speak with you and the President of Sudan about working hard to achieve peace. We are on the verge of a historic moment thanks to your leadership and the leadership to the north of your country. We have a chance to do what the critics said would never happen: to bring peace to Sudan and end the suffering of the people. I'm calling to encourage you to be flexible to take the final steps, to get this deal done so I can welcome you to the White House to sign this historic moment. I'm calling to let you know we're paying close attention and would hope you don't let things be idle. I know you're meeting with the Vice President but keep pushing and recognize that some of these points that sound tough today can be reconciled with hard work and flexibility by both sides. ~~(C)~~

Chairman Garang: I want to assure you of our commitment to reach a peace agreement. In reply to your letter, I told you we are determined to reach a peace agreement before the end of the year. ~~(C)~~

The President: That is perfect. ~~(C)~~

Chairman Garang: And I want to let you know that your public statements are on target, and they are appreciated by all Sudanese. ~~(C)~~

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The President: You're kind to say that, but it's not about me, it's about them. To live in peace, out of poverty and to have a modern education system, all the things you desire is what I desire. It's impossible to achieve hopes and aspirations with civil war. There is a very good chance you can reconcile long-standing differences, and the world will be better off for it. ~~(c)~~

Chairman Garang: For the first time, Mr. President, I have sent a delegation to Khartoum, the first time in twenty years. This is an indication that our commitment is irreversible. I am sure we will reach an agreement. We'll stay focused and committed and make promises until we reach a peace agreement. My people have suffered a great deal. ~~(c)~~

The President: I know it. ~~(c)~~

Chairman Garang: I want to thank you for meeting the lost boys in your country. It was very touching. ~~(c)~~

The President: Thank you. There are a lot of people pulling for you here. They care deeply about the people, and they love the spirituality of the Sudanese people. It's going to be a joyous and important day and, deservedly so, you will get the credit, as well as President Bashir. I appreciate your spirit. As I said, I called the President right before this call to assure him that America is watching closely. We will want to work with the newly constituted Sudan to help with the economic process of the people. You have a little work to do, and I am glad you know it. We'll look very carefully and help as we can. ~~(c)~~

Chairman Garang: Mr. President, we also need your help in the post-agreement because our hopes are in you for the implementation process. Sudan is a great country where the global war on terrorism can be won, here and in the Middle East. We would appreciate your assistance in implementing the peace agreement. The people who attack you are the same people who declared jihad on us. We are not worried about that, and we believe we can address this. We believe we can transform Sudan into a peaceful, democratic country, and we need your assistance to achieve this. ~~(c)~~

The President: I can assure you when we sign a peace agreement, when you sign it in Washington in my presence, the people of this country will recognize the great efforts made to move forward. We understand the stakes on terrorism and on poverty, disease, and education. We want your great country to emerge as a beacon, and this is the way to start this bright future. I will withhold

congratulations until the final product is in place, but I look forward to congratulating you in person. ~~(C)~~

Chairman Garang: I would be very happy to come to the White House to sign a peace agreement as a symbol to the United States and, as I discussed with those at State, if we can do this before the State of the Union address, it would be good. ~~(C)~~

The President: That would be quite dramatic and the kind of thing I would like to do, but let's get the deal done. ~~(C)~~

Chairman Garang: I visited your church in Midland, Texas two weeks ago. (U)

The President: I know that. Some of the people at that service were at the White House Saturday night as our guests and they shared with me your trip to Midland. There is huge support for you there, and they were deeply moved. ~~(C)~~

Chairman Garang: We were deeply moved and all the women of the congregation wanted to put their hands on my wife and the men touched me on the head and arms and they prayed. It was very moving. I'm very happy for the people there. ~~(C)~~

The President: That is wonderful. There are really good people living out there. Not much to look at, it's kind of flat and dry, but the people are great. ~~(C)~~

Chairman Garang: They are. They are wonderful people, and I invited them to Sudan. We would like to invite you to Sudan; it is a great place to visit. ~~(C)~~

The President: I would love to come, thank you very much. ~~(C)~~

Chairman Garang: I appreciate the call. We will try our best to put everything into the peace agreement for the Sudanese people, and we thank you very much. ~~(C)~~

The President: You're a good man. Have a great Christmas season. (U)

Chairman Garang: Say hello to Laura. (U)

The President: I will, God bless you. (U)

Chairman Garang: You too. Good-bye. (U)

The President: Good-bye. (U)

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PARTICIPANTS: The President
Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, President of
the Republic of Sudan

Notetakers: Andrew Boerstling, Jeff Blair,
Chris Fatheree, and Brian Gilligan

Interpreter: Shuckam Kamal

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: March 22, 2004, 10:59 - 11:14 a.m. EST
Oval Office

The President: Mr. President, good day. Thank you for taking my call. It is great to talk to you. (U)

President Bashir: Thank you very much for your interest and this telephone call. (U)

The President: I am very interested, Mr. President, because I believe there are times in history when leaders must stand up and make a statement. Now is the time when you can make a significant difference for you and your country. I have made it very clear that when a peace has been achieved, the relations between Sudan and the United States will change. I want to re-make that statement to you by phone. I understand that there are still issues, but Jack Danforth has presented a plan that I ask you to accept. I also know that there are other issues on governance, but I am confident that by working and striving together, peace can be achieved. The United States Government will stay involved. We want this to succeed. I want to get this done by March 31. As you know, I have to report to Congress by April 21, but my hope is that a report won't be necessary because an agreement will have been reached by March 31. Finally, Mr. President, two things very quickly. First, I have also spoken to

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the southern Sudanese leadership, Garang, and said the same thing to him, "That we expect to get something done." Secondly, at Darfur, it is important to open the access for the people there and to reign in the militias. I appreciate you taking my call and look forward to hearing your response. (U)

President Bashir: I thank you very much, Mr. President, for your follow through on our domestic problems in Sudan despite the fact that you have many issues that take up your time. We have received your proposal, Mr. President, that was given to us by Mr. Danforth, and it is a serious beginning for us to reach a compromise. We have directed our delegation to deal with this proposal seriously and with flexibility so we can achieve peace. In the same spirit, we have also accepted the proposal that involves power-sharing even though it does not give the central government in Sudan more than 50 percent of the wealth. We have accepted with the same spirit, also, the security arrangement including two armies. The one distinguishing factor about this proposal is that it makes it very clear and very definite all the arrangements that we made clear. It defines clearly a piece of land that is also clearly defined in existing documents. Although the proposal takes part of the north and annexes it to the south, with the possibility that it becomes another state. By dealing with this piece of land in this clear and specific manner, it makes it possible for us to see the light at the end of the tunnel. (U)

The President: That is very good. (U)

President Bashir: Mr. President, there are still issues that are pending and remaining regarding the governance and power. They are quite complicated and thorny issues, but we are going to deal with them. (U)

The President: That is excellent. That is all we can ask. It is important for your country. I want to say that when you get this done, then the relationship between the United States and Sudan will change, and it will change for the better. (U)

President Bashir: What I wanted to say, Mr. President, is that in spite of this incredible development, the bilateral relationship between our two countries has not seen similar developments. The Sudan Peace Act was issued after the Machakos Agreement was reached. In that agreement, we gave the southern part of Sudan the right of self-determination. In spite of all the steps that have been taken, there is still talk of going through with this law. Mr. President, the people of Sudan are waiting anxiously for you to assure them that the steps taken for peace are reciprocated. (c)

The President: Yes, I appreciate that. What needs to happen is an agreement between the north and south for our Congress to move forward. I've told you I'm ready to move forward on sanctions, but I need an agreement. People are looking and are encouraged, but it is very important that you conclude the deal. I know that you can. Your spirit is strong, your vision clear, and you know what needs to happen. ~~(C)~~

President Bashir: I want to tell you, Mr. President, that any steps you can take will make it easier for us to take the steps toward peace. You know the steps that you can take in your country. (U)

The President: I appreciate that very much. That is why I sent Senator Danforth. My advice, sir, is to do the best you can do and get this deal done. I wish you all the best and God speed. (U)

President Bashir: I thank you. Mr. President, in regard to Senator Danforth, I appreciate your interest very much in the humanitarian issues in Darfur. We are working with the international community to alleviate the consequences of the horrible things that have happened to the people there. (U)

The President: That is good of you, sir. (U)

President Bashir: Thank you, sir. (U)

The President: Thank you for the great phone call. I look forward to seeing you when we sign the agreement. God speed. (U)

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

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SUBJECT: Telcon with Chairman John Garang

PARTICIPANTS: The President
John Garang, Chairman of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement

Notetakers: Andrew Boerstling, David Lee, Chris Fatheree, and Brian Gilligan

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: March 22, 2003, 7:47 - 7:53 a.m. EST
Oval Office

The President: Yes, good morning, sir. (U)

Chairman Garang: Oh, good morning, Mr. President. (U)

The President: I am honored you would take my phone call. (U)

Chairman Garang: The honor belongs to me. I am very happy you called. (U)

The President: Let me tell you what I believe. I believe there are moments in history when leaders must rise up to accomplish big things, and we are at that moment in Sudan. We are in a position to show the world it is possible to reconcile differences and possible to overcome distrust. Also, I am calling to thank you for being a leader and, secondly, to say I appreciate your willingness to stay at the table to see if we can't reach an agreement and begin to bring peace and prosperity to the Sudan. Jendayi, our mutual friend, tells me you agreed to Senator Danforth's proposal on Abyei, and I thank you for that. I also assure you it is important to continue working for an agreement and that both sides must show some flexibility. They tell me you have done a heck of a job negotiating. I won't tell that to the other side, but I assure you that when you reach an agreement . . . I am a positive thinker, note I said when you reach an agreement, there will be international monitors to make sure no one abrogates their responsibility. We want this newly

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united country to succeed. Therefore, I will work with Congress to ease back on sanctions so a unified country can prosper; so that is why I am calling. (U)

Chairman Garang: Thank you, Mr. President. We are very happy with your initiative. Since you came to office, every time you spoke on Sudan, the people of southern Sudan are very happy. You have lots of fans here that appreciate your work. (U)

The President: Thank you, sir. Key thing is they will appreciate your work when we bring peace and prosperity to the region. I look forward to welcoming you and your counterpart here to Washington when you reach an agreement. I will be calling the President of Sudan, President Bashir, and I look forward to assuring him of that. (U)

Chairman Garang: I want to assure you once more, Mr. President, that we are committed to peace. I personally will see that we reach an agreement. I assure you, from our side, peace is our agenda. It is good for our people. We have suffered here for 21 years and for the past 17 years during the peace process. Our major worry is the implementation of the peace agreement. Because these people are part of the international terrorism, they harbored Usama Bin Laden, they need to be kept moving in the right direction, the democratic transformation of our country, and we can thank you for this. (e)

The President: We're not going to leave you once we reach an agreement. It is important to eliminate terrorist safe havens. Most important is the chance for boys and girls to grow up in a peaceful world. It is important you get this deal by the end of the month. If there is not a firm ending, then this can drag on with no end. I promise you, I will deliver a strong message as soon as I talk to President Bashir. (U)

Chairman Garang: You can count on us. This is our agenda. It is good for our people. We cannot delay for a day more. (U)

The President: Get after it, sir. I am proud of you. (U)

Chairman Garang: Thank you. We have mutual friends in Texas, and I will call them to say the President called. (U)

The President: In Midland, Texas, right? (U)

Chairman Garang: Yes. I was there in December and had a good time with my wife Rebecca. (U)

The President: It's not a very pretty town to look at, but the people there are great. (U)

Chairman Garang: Yes. (U)

The President: Okay. Thank you, sir. I will talk to you soon.
God Bless. (U)

Chairman Garang: Thank you. (U)

The President: Alright, John. (U)

Chairman Garang: Good-bye. (U)

The President: Good-Bye. (U)

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The President: Yes, Mr. President. Good day, and thank you for taking my call. It is great to talk to you. (U)

President Bashir: Yes, thank you, and congratulations on winning the election. ~~(c)~~

The President: Thanks. It was a hard-fought campaign, but it came out the right way. ~~(c)~~

President Bashir: We were planning to sign the peace agreement before the election in Washington, but the [word unclear] delayed everything. ~~(c)~~

The President: We'll just sign it now. We look forward to seeing you in Washington, but let's get that agreement signed. It is a good way to show the world we can resolve conflict, and at the same time help us begin to normalize relations. I'm calling today to urge you to go to the U.N. meeting and sign this Memorandum of Understanding. And I have one other thing to say if you have a minute. I think it is very important to make sure our relations are normalized. I think it is also very important for us to continue to work on Darfur, that you not support the Jinjaweed, and that we get more African Union troops in place to work for peace. So that's why I am calling, Mr. President, and I want to thank you for taking the call. I think it's a matter of

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will, and believe making sure this North-South agreement is signed is important for your country. ~~(c)~~

President Bashir: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, we are ready to sign this agreement. The obstinacy of Dr. Garang was an impediment, but we are ready and available to sign. ~~(c)~~

The President: I will pass the word. Interesting, I just talked to your counterpart, and he said the same thing. Looks like this is a matter of getting people to go to the meeting, and we'll get a deal signed. ~~(c)~~

President Bashir: We convened about this before. Garang is the one who backed out, and he is the one who made it late. ~~(c)~~

The President: Well, now that the campaign is over, I am focusing on this again. It's a good agreement for both sides. You've worked hard on this. Now let's get it done. ~~(c)~~

President Bashir: Yes, we are very appreciative of your efforts with this, both now and in the past. It was your work over the past few years that led us to this point, and we are very appreciative of this. ~~(c)~~

The President: Very good, sir. I will look forward to seeing you in Washington to sign the agreement. ~~(c)~~

President Bashir: Thank you. If God wills. ~~(c)~~

The President: Thank you. ~~(c)~~

President Bashir: Good-bye. (U)

The President: Good-bye. (U)

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Chairman of Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Dr. John Garang, Chairman, Sudan People's Liberation Movement

Notetakers: Laura Hart, Jared Thomas, Tess Moore, and Chris Gilmore

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: November 16, 2004, 7:48 - 7:54 a.m. EST
Oval Office

The President: Good day. How are you? (U)

Dr. Garang: Fine. Fine. Mr. President, it is good to hear your voice. Thank you for calling. (U)

The President: Thank you for taking my call. You may have heard that I've been somewhat busy for the previous weeks. Now that the election here is over and I'm free again, I wanted to touch base with key players on vital issues around the world and you happen to be one of those. ~~(c)~~

Dr. Garang: Thank you. ~~(c)~~

The President: We believe now is the time to complete the North-South agreement. We have been diligent and feel the deal is as good as it is going to get. I am calling as a friend to urge you to complete the agreement, and I will be calling your counterpart as well. You've done a good job, and it is time for reasonable people to come together. Now is the time to close the deal, or otherwise it goes away. ~~(c)~~

Dr. Garang: I very much agree, Mr. President. First though, I want to express my heartfelt congratulations for a splendid victory in the election. People in southern Sudan and all over Sudan are calling me and many are celebrating your victory as

their own victory. They have been calling me and are celebrating across southern Sudan. In the south, I was visiting the small town of Rumbek. At one celebration, they slaughtered more than 30 bulls in honor of your victory. I did not know I would talk to you today. It is my pleasure to tell you and my pleasure to pass their sentiments to you. ~~(c)~~

The President: Thank you for your compliments. Do that sir, and tell them I am honored. Now we need to get to work. ~~(c)~~

Dr. Garang: In terms of the victory, we are very happy, all of us in southern Sudan. With respect to peace, we are nearly complete. We have six protocols signed by partners and sealed. The only thing left to sign is the cease-fire agreement. You don't sign six agreements and not sign the cease-fire agreement in order to implement modalities of them. From our point of view, these two things can be done in a very short time. I want to assure you that, as before, we are committed to it. It is in the best interests of the movement, the people of southern Sudan's interests, and in all our interests. It is not only an agreement for the Sudanese people, but for the region. Sudan is such a big country. Sudan borders nine countries. It is good for the stability of the region. I am committed to coming to speak to United Nations Security Council. From our side, we are ready. ~~(c)~~

The President: Thank you, Dr. Garang. That's very good news. I appreciate your leadership. I'm sure you know Colin Powell resigned. He has served for 4 years. He served the nation well. In three hours, I will name Dr. Rice as his replacement. I tell you this so that you know there is continuity and consistency in our foreign policy. We will stay focused on Sudan. I appreciate your leadership. ~~(c)~~

Dr. Garang: Thank you for your information. I have spoken to her before. She called me when I was in (gap). Colin Powell's outreach moved us towards peace, and he has done tremendous work. Dr. Rice is a wonderful woman, and I am sure she is the right person for the job. ~~(c)~~

The President: Yes, sir. ~~(c)~~

Dr. Garang: I went to Texas, to Midland. We have something in common in Texas. Please pass my regards to the Christian community in Texas and other parts of the United States. ~~(c)~~

The President: They still remember your visit in Midland. ~~(c)~~

Dr. Garang: I will come again. ~~(c)~~

The President: Let's get this thing done, and you will go down in history as a peace maker. ~~(C)~~

Dr. Garang: I hope to see you in the White House after signing. I have concerns about how to reconstruct southern Sudan, terrorism, and Islamic terrorist organizations in southern Sudan. Sudan is well placed to be a buffer. Sudan has a role to play, and when Dr. Rice takes over, I would love to come and talk to her about this. I would love to be in the Rose Garden. ~~(C)~~

The President: Well, right now it's cold. Better wait until the weather is better. ~~(C)~~

Dr. Garang: Yes. Thank you, sir, very much. ~~(C)~~

The President: Bye-bye. (U)

Dr. Garang: Bye. (U)

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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

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. ~~(C)~~

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. ~~(C)~~

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. ~~(C)~~

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

President Bashir: Mr. President, I would like also to bring to your attention the solid cooperation we have with the United States through intelligence services in combating terrorism. Sudan is performing very closely with U.S. counterterrorism organizations, and we urge you that Sudan's name should be taken out of the list of states that sponsor terrorism as a result of Sudan's solid services in combating both al-Qaida and terrorism. ~~(C)~~

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)

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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

Interpreter: Gamal Helal

Notetakers: Jeff Blair, Thomas Croci,
Julie Brotherton

DATE, TIME May 1, 2006, 3:28 - 3:48 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: Residence

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

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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The President: Okay, sir. Good-bye. (U)

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting with Salva Kiir Mayardit, First Vice President of the Government of National Unity of Sudan and President of the Government of Southern Sudan (U)

PARTICIPANTS: United States
The President
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for National Security Affairs
Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State
for African Affairs
Cindy Courville, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs, NSC (Notetaker)
Joe Wood, Deputy Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs
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Sudan
Salva Kiir Mayardit, First Vice President of the Government of National Unity of Sudan and President of the Government of Southern Sudan
Pagan Amum Okiech, GOSS Adviser and Sudan People's Liberation Movement Secretary General
Michael Makuei Leuth Makuei, GOSS Minister of Legal Affairs and Constitutional Development
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Barnaba Marial Benjamin, Government of
National Unity State Minister of
International Cooperation
Ezekiel Gatkuoth, Sudan People's Liberation
Movement Representative to the
United States

DATE, TIME July 20, 2006, 11:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President: Welcome, Mr. President. The world needs very strong leaders like you to focus on achieving goals. It takes strong leadership to prevent the actions of a few from damaging the lives of the many. We cannot do everything alone. We need help. I understand that you wear two hats. What do you prefer to be called? I know what I would want to be called. (U)

Vice President Kiir: Mr. President, thank you for this great opportunity. I prefer to be called Vice President. (U)

The President: Here is what we need -- people who will stand up. I care a lot about Darfur. Women are being raped; people are being driven from their homes. To whom much is given, much is expected. We have to ask Condi and others to sit back if there is a genocide. Not enough is happening. The G-8 is hollering and screaming that Bush is invading another Muslim country. I have heard every excuse in the book. You need to tell them. I don't know what kind of relationship you have with Bashir. We want to help. Let us know what we can do to help. I told Ambassador Hume that you get all of our money. You're a straight forward guy, and I am proud of your work. You have to want to wear two hats. ~~(e)~~

Vice President Kiir: Thank you, Excellency. Thank you for this invitation. It does create more problems. It does give the people of Southern Sudan great hope. You brought peace. (U)

The President: I did not bring peace. The people of southern Sudan brought peace. (U)

Vice President Kiir: Without your push, it would not have happened. The Darfur Peace Agreement did not bring peace. If we could bring in those who did not sign, it would help. (U)

The President: Can you help? How do you get the Jinjaweed out without shooting? Will the government do it? It is not in their interest. ~~(c)~~

Vice President Kiir: You need to allay Bashir's fears. To transition from the African Union to the U.N. does not go over well. ~~(c)~~

The President: I don't understand the system. That is why I am asking so many questions. How much oil is there in Sudan? (U)

Vice President Kiir: About \$1 billion this year; we receive roughly \$60 million a month. (U)

The President: That's the problem, you are wearing two hats. You should be getting 50 percent of the revenue. You're getting screwed. Are the people receiving the benefits from this billions? It's their money. ~~(c)~~

Vice President Kiir: We have many development problems. The Government of National Unity is supposed to help develop the South. ~~(c)~~

The President: When is the referendum? (U)

Vice President Kiir: It is scheduled for 2008. American investors and companies are not coming to the South. (U)

The President: When did we put the sanctions? (U)

Chargé Hume: 1999. (U)

The President: Bashir considers the U.N. an invader; we want to work with Bashir and the rebel groups to get a peace agreement. Jendayi went to Abuja with Zoellick to help work out a deal. What about the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)? Are they bothering you? ~~(c)~~

Vice President Kiir: We have no choice but to deal with the LRA. This is the same as when Obasanjo dealt with Charles Taylor and then he was arrested. ~~(c)~~

The President: Do you have a military that reports to you? Are they any good? ~~(c)~~

Vice President Kiir: Yes. ~~(c)~~

The President: Can I tell you what worries me. Columbia President's had the FARC -- probably more dangerous. The leadership said it wanted to deal. Be damn careful. They are not interested in your democracy making -- you may be making a deal with the devil. What is your strategy for dealing with the LRA? When you find the snake, you cut off the head. Be damn careful. The LRA are cold-blooded killers. Negotiate what?
(e)

Vice President Kiir: Negotiate their surrender. (e)

The President: Are you whipping them? Just be careful. I am not convinced. We all have to make decisions. Some decisions are fun. But this is a hard one; the LRA is no good. (e)

The President: Do you have a lot of water? Are we helping?
(e)

Vice President Kiir: We are working with World Food Program to build roads. (U)

The President: The roads are difficult. (U)

Vice President Kiir: Non-existent. (U)

The President: Do you think Bashir would invite me to Khartoum? I would have to arrest him. (laughter) (U)

Vice President Kiir: He would be suspicious. (U)

The President: How much time does it take you to travel from Juba to Khartoum? (U)

Vice President Kiir: About one and a half hours to travel by air. (U)

The President: What else do you have? (U)

Vice President Kiir: I am concerned about the political transition of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM). Our partnership is based on the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). We need to build capacity. Khartoum has robbed the country. The National Party Congress (NCP) has changed its uniform, but inside it's the same. We want to strengthen the SPLM and train the Sudan People's Liberation Army. They need to see us prepared. (e)

The President: What do you want us to do? (U)

Vice President Kiir: Help us to develop our capacity. ~~(C)~~

The President: Do we have that kind of money? ~~(C)~~

Chargé Hume: We are working on security sector reform. ~~(C)~~

Vice President Kiir: If the NCP wins the election, they will entrench themselves. If the SPLM and the northern parties form a coalition, we can challenge the NCP. It is not acceptable for a Christian to lead the country. If a northern political party wins, they will not implement the CPA. If the South votes for separation, they will be bitter. ~~(C)~~

The President: That will lead to war. ~~(C)~~

Chargé Hume: We provided over a billion dollars through USAID, half a billion to Darfur, and another half a billion to the South. ~~(C)~~

The President: You're getting a lot more than Ecuador is getting. We want you to succeed. How many children do you have? (U)

Vice President Kiir: Ten children. The oldest is 23 years old. (U)

The President Bush: And how old are you? (U)

Vice President Kiir: I am 53 years old. (U)

The President Bush: You are about the same age of Madame Secretary. ~~(C)~~

Secretary Rice: Not really, women count every year. ~~(C)~~

The President: Mr. President, we want to help. Let us know what we can do to help. Let's take some pictures. ~~(C)~~

-- End of Conversation --

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting with First Vice President of the Government of National Unity Salva Kiir of Sudan (U)

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DATE, TIME AND PLACE: November 15, 2007, 2:45 - 3:25 p.m. EST
Oval Office

The President: Welcome, Mr. Vice President. How are you? (U)

Vice President Kiir: Thank you. All is well. (U)

The President: I understand we have a problem getting people to implement the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). What do we need to do? ~~(e)~~

Vice President Kiir: The CPA is very important. ~~(e)~~

The President: Of course we think the CPA is the right way to go, that's why we spent so much time negotiating it. ~~(e)~~

Vice President Kiir: Well, thank you for receiving me again. It's an honor. The people of Sudan are appreciative of your efforts to bring liberty to Sudan. The problem is that the CPA you helped bring about needs help. It needs to be rescued. ~~(e)~~

The President: You know I haven't appointed many envoys during my term. But I have an envoy for Sudan, Andrew here. This shows how important Sudan is to me. How's he doing? If you tell me he's not doing well, I'll fire him. He would probably thank me. ~~(e)~~

Vice President Kiir: He's doing fine. We need to ensure that the National Congress Party (NCP) implements the agreements in the CPA. ~~(e)~~

The President: I agree. What should we do? ~~(e)~~

Vice President Kiir: The most important issue is Abeyi. We need to ensure that the agreement on Abeyi is implemented. The next is the referendum by the end of the interim period. We need a clear position of the United States on the outcome of the resolution. ~~(e)~~

The President: The resolution or the outcome? ~~(e)~~

Vice President Kiir: The outcome. ~~(e)~~

The President: Well, what are you for? ~~(e)~~

Vice President Kiir: I'm for what the people are for. ~~(e)~~

The President: Oh, you're going with that line? ~~(e)~~

Vice President Kiir: Well, unity is what we fought for, but Bashir is making unity unattractive. ~~(e)~~

The President: Bashir is difficult. We popped him with sanctions. We're going to hold him accountable. We decided not to send troops, but we hit him with sanctions. (e)

Vice President Kiir: That was the right decision. We can put more military pressure on him. (e)

The President: Don't go back to war. (e)

Vice President Kiir: But what if they attack? (e)

The President: Then you have to defend yourself. But don't try to make it look like defense when you're really planning for offense. (e)

Vice President Kiir: You must keep the sanctions on until all the problems are resolved. (e)

The President: Oh, you're worried that we'll take the sanctions off after Darfur is resolved. I don't think Darfur will be resolved before the CPA issues are, unless you can help us with the rebels. (e)

Vice President Kiir: Yes, I want to brief you on that. There are now 17 groups, but they can't decide on leadership. (e)

The President: Everybody wants to be the leader. (e)

Vice President Kiir: Exactly. They also don't want to go to Libya. (e)

The President: We should work on additional sites. So, how often do you meet with Bashir? (e)

Vice President Kiir: Any time I want. (e)

The President: Can he do anything he wants? I mean, can he get things done? (e)

Vice President Kiir: Yes. (e)

The President: What should we do? You said it was right not to send troops. I'm not so sure, but it's done now. I know the problems, but what else should we be doing? I'm paying attention to this. This is why I brought in Andrew. You need to tell me what you'd like to see us do. (e)

Vice President Kiir: There are many things you can do. Pressure Bashir to implement the CPA. (c)

The President: What specifically do you want us to do? (c)

Vice President Kiir: Make them honor their commitments. (c)

The President: I understand, but what actions are you looking for? (c)

Vice President Kiir: One thing is to help us defend ourselves against air attacks that might come from the Sudanese Armed Forces. Bashir is also scared of democratization. (c)

The President: Of course. (c)

Vice President Kiir: We need help with that. (c)

Special Envoy Natsios: We're working on helping with the democratization process in the South. (c)

Vice President Kiir: Then development. The United States has been doing a lot, but we need more. (c)

The President: You need to tap into those oil resources. (c)

Vice President Kiir: Yes, but we don't get enough. (c)

The President: I understand the Lord's Resistance Army is weakening. (c)

Vice President Kiir: Yes, I think we're at the final stages of a deal. (c)

The President: And they are fighting each other, right? I understand that number one has killed number two. (c)

Vice President Kiir: I think he's just sick. (c)

The President: How about malaria? Is that a problem for you? (c)

Vice President Kiir: It's a major problem for us. (c)

The President: We have a plan, but it takes commitment to implement the plan. (c)

Special Envoy Natsios: They are also getting money to fight HIV/AIDS. (e)

The President: That's good. (e)

Vice President Kiir: The people of Sudan appreciate everything you've done. (e)

The President: Thanks, but popularity doesn't matter, principle does. These principles are important, even if they were unpopular. I think we're going to let in the press now. (e)

Vice President Kiir: Ok. Thank you for receiving me. (e)

-- End of Conversation --