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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Prime Minister Blair of the
United Kingdom (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: Deana Sutliff, Frank Jarosinski,
James Smith, Roger Merletti and Dick Norland

DATE, TIME January 31, 2000, 2:29-2:50 p.m. EST
AND PLACE: The Residence

The President: Hello. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Hello, Bill. (U)

The President: Hello, Tony. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: I am really sorry to trouble you, but I
thought I should bring you up to date on the Irish front. (U)

The President: It's okay. (U)

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: What do you think is really going on in the IRA?
(S)

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: [REDACTED]
Everyone else has made compromises [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Everybody else did what they
said. Everybody else already delivered first. (S)

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Okay. So you want me to call Gerry and take one
more whack at him? (S)

Prime Minister Blair: I think it's a good idea.

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The President: So this statement they were willing to make about
the IRA, they can't even make that public? (S)

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Prime Minister Blair:

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Do you know what I mean?

(S)

The President: Yes, I agree with you. This is very conditional language. (S)

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: No, no, I think the IRA may not care if America withdraws its support, but I think Sinn Fein will be in a lot worse condition if its friends in Congress lay it all on them. He may not be able to do anything about it, maybe he even wants it in some manner. He can't say this,

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Prime Minister Blair: That is the thing.

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The President: I agree. I'll call Adams and do the best I can.

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Prime Minister Blair:

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The President:

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Prime Minister Blair:

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[REDACTED]

The President: Yes. Even that is silly because they could always get more if they had any grounds. The radical Irish could get more. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Of course they could tomorrow. I

[REDACTED]

The President: That is what I think. They are being pig-headed. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Yes.

[REDACTED]

The President: No, no. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

[REDACTED]

The President: Okay. (U)

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Prime Minister Blair: Right, Bill. (U)

The President: I'll see what I can do. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Many thanks. Goodbye. (U)

The President: Goodbye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --