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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair
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PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: Doug Bayley, Robin Rickard, Don
Cheramie, Roger Merletti, Don Gentile and
Dick Norland

DATE, TIME February 11, 2000, 12:38 - 12:49 p.m. EST
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President: Hello. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Bill. (U)

The President: Hey. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: How are you doing? (U)

The President: I'm okay. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Bill, sorry to trouble you again but I
thought I would bring you up to date with what has happened.

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The President: Yes. (S)

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Prime Minister Blair:

The President: What about Trimble? Where is he on this? ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

The President: But if you haven't announced it, can't you...
~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

The President: I think you ought to go to Trimble and try to work it out. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

The President: Can't you go to Trimble today? ~~(S)~~

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Prime Minister Blair:

The President: If you can get Trimble to say okay... (S)

Prime Minister Blair:

The President: If we could get to him today you could have this all resolved by Monday. (S)

Prime Minister Blair:

The President: We can't run the risk of this thing unraveling over the weekend just because of the timing of it. (S)

Prime Minister Blair:

The President: If we don't have some move by you and Trimble today or tomorrow, this thing could unravel over the weekend. How much does Trimble know about this? (S)

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: What I'm suggesting is we tell him what they said and get him to make some noise in tomorrow's papers saying, you know, there is movement here, something where he can reach out to them. Or call Adams or something. You need them to connect before they go to bed tonight. I just think that something has to be done before the papers come out and all hell breaks loose... (S)

Prime Minister Blair: Okay. (S)

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The President: ...at least the IRA got off their backsides and did something half reasonable. (S)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: Yes, I think to make that really work we need some sort of signal from Trimble that he believes this is all possible. (S)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: I agree, but my problem is that if he waits until next week... (S)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: I don't want this thing to get away from you. (S)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: If you could get it tonight that would be wonderful. I know it is a pain in the rear end, but I'm scared that if this thing drifts for three days... (S)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: I agree with that, but if Trimble can give them an excuse to do that it would be great. (S)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

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The President: We will go to work on our side. Have someone call us to let us know what Trimble said. We need to know what we are going to say to Adams when we call him. 48)

Prime Minister Blair: Okay, thanks Bill. Bye. (U)

The President: Fine. Goodbye. (U)

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