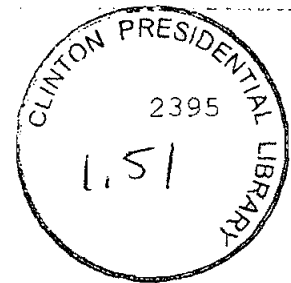


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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair and
Irish Prime Minister Ahern (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Blair
Prime Minister Ahern

Notetakers: Jenny McGee, Miles Murphy,
Matt Sibley, Bob Ford and Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME April 1, 1999, 6:32 - 6:38 a.m. EST
AND PLACE: The Residence

The President: Hi, Bertie. How are you doing? Well, hell, I
don't know exactly what I was told,

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Prime Minister Blair:

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The President:

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Prime Minister Ahern:

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: It's naïve for them to believe you can have a break or a pause or wait for Easter without this thing getting out. It's not possible. (Ø)

Prime Minister Blair:

Prime Minister Ahern:

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: No, no, It's all right. Have you been up all night? (U)

Prime Minister Blair: You have problems. I gather you've been up. (U)

The President: Tony, what are you going to do the rest of the day? Are you going to bed? (U)

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Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: I may want to talk to you on a secure line later to tell you where I think things got off track a bit and what we need to do now. I don't have it all sorted out but would really like to talk to you, because we really cannot afford to be defeated on it. Let me talk to Gerry. The main thing is to let you publish this thing if you pause for reflection. (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Let me call him back. (C)

Prime Minister Ahern: Goodbye. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Goodbye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --