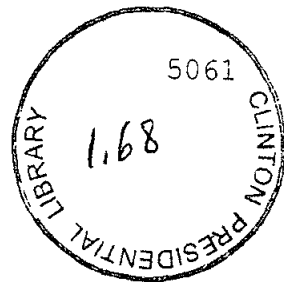


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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: Bob Ford, Joel Ehrendreich,
Rob Williams, Jenny McGee, Roger Merletti
and James Smith

DATE, TIME June 30, 1999, 3:14 - 3:22 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: Chicago, Illinois

Prime Minister Blair: Hi, Bill. (U)

The President: How are you doing? (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Pretty grim.

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[REDACTED]

The President: What exactly do the unionists want Sinn Fein to do now? (C)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: Yes. (C)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: That way the IRA doesn't look like it's surrendering to the unionists? (C)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: Yes. (C)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

The President: It looks like you could manage this marching thing if you could solve the bigger problem. (c)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: Which means if they meet all the local people's conditions, they could march. (c)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: Are you going back to the meeting now? (c)

Prime Minister Blair: Yes. (c)

The President: Do you want me to call them in a couple of hours -- Adams and Trimble? (c)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: Right now? (c)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: Why don't I monitor it from here? (c)

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Prime Minister Blair:

[REDACTED]

(S)

The President: I will check in where I am in 20 minutes to see if they're through. (S)

Prime Minister Blair:

[REDACTED]

The President: If they're in a meeting, I will wait until they finish to call them. (S)

Prime Minister Blair:

[REDACTED]

The President: They, the unionists? (S)

Prime Minister Blair:

[REDACTED]

The President: Yes. (S)

Prime Minister Blair:

[REDACTED]

The President: Okay, I'm on it. (U)

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Prime Minister Blair: Thanks, Bill. (U)

The President: Goodbye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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