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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: Robin Rickard, Joel Schrader,
Don Cheremie and James Smith

DATE, TIME July 1, 1999, 7:25 - 7:34 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: Jack Kent Cooke Stadium

The President: Hey, Tony. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Hi, Bill. Hello. Well. I think we're
finally getting somewhere.

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The President: Yes. They say they can't do it before the end of October? ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Yes, they can't do it earlier. ~~(C)~~

The President: It would be interesting to see if they would do it earlier if they can get in earlier. ~~(C)~~

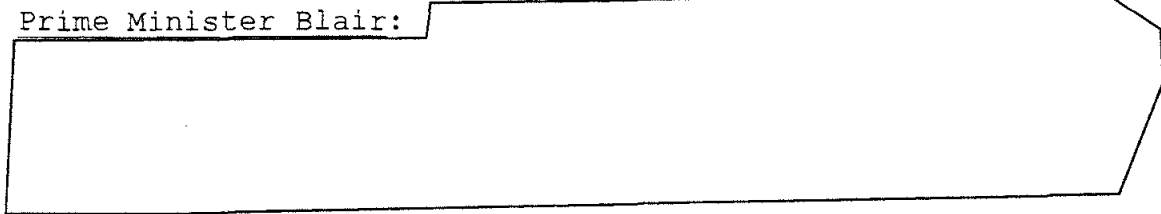
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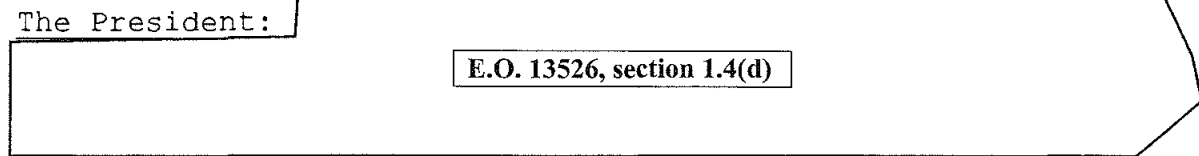


The President: Yes, I can see that, actually. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

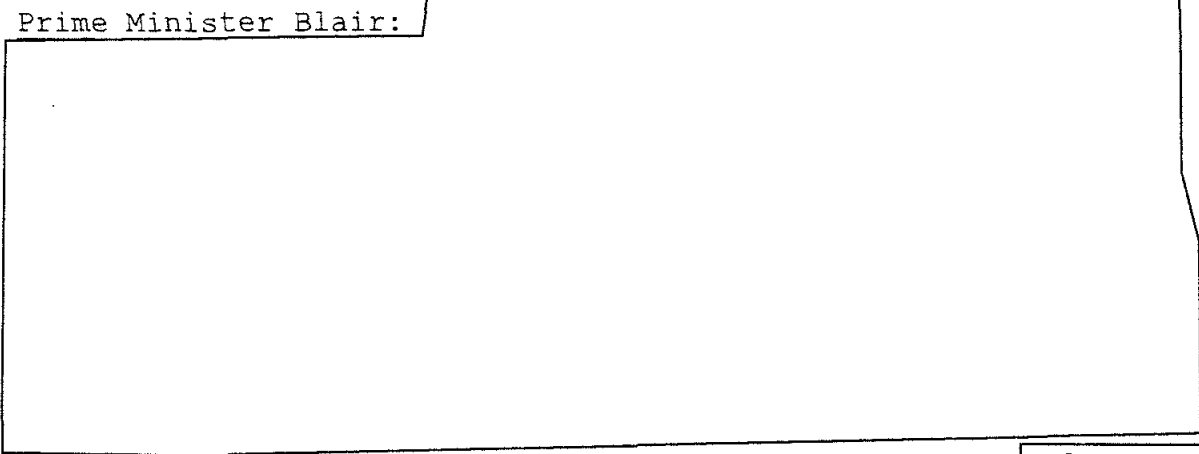


The President:



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Prime Minister Blair:



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The President: I'm happy to. Do you want me to call tonight? Do they know about the proposal? ~~(C)~~

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Prime Minister Blair:

The President: I'll call Trimble tonight. Gerry tonight? (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

The President: Because Bertie's gone back to Dublin, right?

Prime Minister Blair: Yes, he has. Jim can check. (C)

The President: I will have Jim check to see if the Irish have talked to Gerry. If they have, I will call him. In any event, I'll talk to David. When I call him, what should I say? That I hope he takes this deal? (C)

Prime Minister Blair: Yes, that's right.

The President: Yes. And you will make this agreement public tomorrow? This proposal? (C)

Prime Minister Blair: Yes.

The President: At what point tomorrow will you publicly float this? So I could make a public comment. (C)

Prime Minister Blair: Our people will coordinate with your folks. Hang on just a second.

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The President: Yes, I shouldn't talk to Gerry before the Irish. That would be usurping. (C)

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Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Got it. (S)

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Get some sleep. (S)

Prime Minister Blair: You, too. I'm sorry. It was very helpful when you talked to them yesterday. (S)

The President: Okay. Goodbye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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