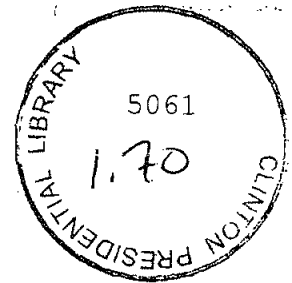


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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: Joel Schrader, Miles Murphy,
Matt Sibley, Amy Swarm and Roger Merletti

DATE, TIME July 1, 1999, 7:26 - 7:58 a.m. EDT
AND PLACE: The Residence

The President: Hello Tony? (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Sorry, it must be early morning for you.
(U)

The President: It's fine. (U)

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: I talked to Adams about that for a long time. I spent the better part of a year trying to convince him that ought to be his position without success. And last night I do believe, rightly or wrongly, his belief is that he made some significant commitments yesterday about what he is prepared to do,

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Prime Minister Blair:

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(C)

The President:

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Prime Minister Blair: Yes. (C)

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The President:

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Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Did they commit to follow Chastelain's timetable? ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President:

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Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: There is no question -- I think Adams believes that. ~~(c)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: What about the argument they can all take the government down later, and we will all support it. ~~(c)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President:

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Prime Minister Blair:

[REDACTED]

The President: Yes. (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

[REDACTED]

The President: My view is that is what you ought to work on. Is there anything you can do, any stick or carrot, to shore Trimble up? (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

[REDACTED]

The President: I do believe they are trying to help on that; I think Gerry was open to it. (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

[REDACTED]

The President: Well let me ask you this. Is that an argument for you to go back to a hard deadline? (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

The President: It's crazy. The whole thing is just nuts, but I think your best chance is to get, based on what you say, I do think they will accelerate the timetable.

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[REDACTED] I have talked until I am blue in the face. (C)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: For one thing, there has to be some definitiveness to the commitment. I didn't know they weren't more definite. (C)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: Yes. (C)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

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The President: But the one thing that I am now persuaded on is, after one year of trying to make a case, [REDACTED]

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Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: I think that is what we need to work on, and

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(S)

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Okay. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Goodbye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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