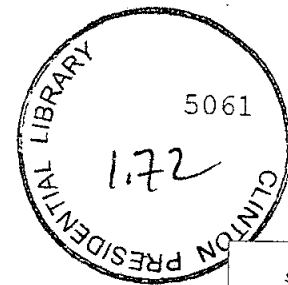


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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: / Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair  
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: Miles Murphy, Robin Rickard,  
Don Cheremie, Doug Bayley and James Smith

DATE, TIME July 2, 1999, 6:39 - 6:48 p.m. EDT  
AND PLACE: Oval Office

Prime Minister Blair: Hi, Bill. (U)

The President: Well, congratulations. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED] E.O. 13526, section 1.4(b)(d)

The President: Yes, but old Trimble was in a good frame of mind. I was stunned. [REDACTED] E.O. 13526, section 1.4(d) He was pretty proud of himself when I talked to him. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Did you talk to him? (U)

The President: Yeah, I talked to him an hour ago, 30 minutes ago. He was really upbeat, saying it's bad and it'll get worse, but it'll get better. He went through a laundry list of who was with him, who was against him, who was on the fence. I told him I would call them if he wanted. I told him what we always agreed I'd tell him. I was very encouraged to see how upbeat he was. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: When I left a couple of hours ago, I was a bit down. [REDACTED] E.O. 13526, section 1.4(b)(d)

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The President: I think it is and I think he may be there now.  
(C)

Prime Minister Blair: Do you mean that? [REDACTED]

The President: Absolutely. I told him, give me a list; I will call every damn one of them. (C)

Prime Minister Blair: I had no idea. [REDACTED]

The President: He said Taylor was with him, but I'm glad to do it. (C)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: Adams was in a good humor, too. (C)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

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The President: I'll keep doing it. Trimble said it will be a real hard sell, but I think I could do it. He was really in a very good place. That is all I know. (C)

[The line dropped and was reestablished.]

The President: Sorry. We got cut off. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: My fault. I'm on my way back from the airport. (U)

The President: Are you in London? (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Yes, I just landed. (U)

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The President: Well, I don't know what else to say, but I think this is great. You did great. We've just got to nurse them now, to get them there. Gerry was happy as a clam. He said he had to make Trimble look good, one thing that encouraged me.

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Prime Minister Blair:

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The President:

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I told him if he wanted me to call anybody, I would call. (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: I made a statement. I said you had issued this proposal as a way forward and I thought it was a very good thing, it gave them a chance to shape their own destiny and their own government and to get rid of guns and violence for everybody. The United States expects everybody to comply and we support you strongly and expect everyone who benefits to fully comply. (C)

Prime Minister Blair: And you said that on screen, did you?  
(C)

The President: Right. (C)

Prime Minister Blair: That will be good. (C)

The President: We already got some feedback from Ireland. It was already beamed over there on CNN or something. (C)

Prime Minister Blair: [E.O. 13526, section 1.4(b)(d)]

The President: Yes, even the ones who are mad at me for being too pro-Sinn Fein, my dumping all over them will give them a little confidence. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Yeas, I will see about that. You have your people call me back with a list. Talk to Trimble; whoever he wants me to call, I will call. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Many, many thanks. (U)

The President: Get yourself some sleep, you've earned it. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Thanks, I will. Goodbye. (U)

The President: Goodbye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --