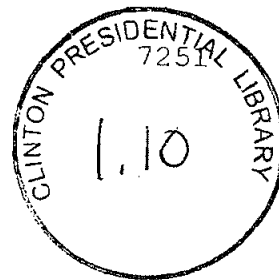


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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: Cindy Lawrence, David Higgins,
Anthony Campanella, Peter Huggins, James
Smith, Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME: October 21, 1997, 3:23-3:32 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Hey, Tony. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Bill, hello. Tony here. I'm sorry this
has to be...I'm in the middle of a big dinner, but I thought I
would come out and speak to you about what we spoke about
yesterday. (U)

The President: Okay. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: I am due to speak to Wim Kok tomorrow.

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~~(C)~~

The President: On joint implementation? ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Yes. ~~(C)~~

The President: What I can say there is we know we need to leave some room on language for implementing on how developing countries would participate, but what about targets? That's what I am really worried about. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: The big problem we have here is that I not only talked to you, Kohl and Hashimoto -- and I want you to talk to as many as you can -- but I also briefed Senate leaders this afternoon and I will brief the House on what I am trying to do. It will raise more questions than it will answer if I cancel the speech tomorrow. I see what you're doing, what you want me to do: say what I have to say, but leave as much wiggle room as possible for you. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Alright, I will work on it as well as I can. What I want you to do is to welcome the fact that we are clearly committed to binding targets and clearly committed to participation. If you give negotiations a chance, that would help. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Very happy to do that.

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The President: I have been saying that for months. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: The problem is I will lose all credibility if I don't give some target range. I have to say what our position will be. I will try to figure out a way to give it flexibility, and, on joint implementation, I think I can do precisely what you want. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Alright. Thank you very much. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Well, we are going to get out there and do the best we can. I will try to leave you as much wiggle room as possible. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Alright, Bill. (U)

The President: Thanks. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: All the very best. Good-bye.

The President: Good-bye.

-- End of Conversation --