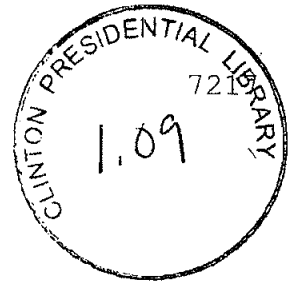


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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

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

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: Cindy Lawrence, Peter Huggins, Lyle Harrison, James Smith, Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME: October 22, 1997, 3:53-4:00 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Hello? (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Hi, Bill. (U)

The President: Hey, Tony. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: How's it going? (U)

The President: The speech went over pretty well, and we've gotten some reasonable press. Some environmental groups are pretty positive, some said we should have tighter deadlines. We've gotten more business support than I thought, but the traditional industries have dumped on it. The best we can hope for right now. I tried to leave open the language on developing nations. I was pretty explicit about the kind of joint projects I think we ought to have, but using the language you gave me, I was general on it. (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Well, I don't know. We'll have to see how we do here. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Do you know when he'll be here? ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair: I'm not sure; in the next few days, I think. ~~(C)~~

The President: Have him check in with Sandy Berger. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Good, we will work with John and see what we can do. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Well, I'm really encouraged. I guess you know this, we had a plane crash over here and a British pilot was killed. An F-16 and a T-38 were on a photo chase mission and collided over Edwards Air Force Base. There was an American pilot, but there was also a British pilot, Flight Lieutenant Leigh Alexander Fox. His wife is there with him at Edwards, and it is just awful. No one has figured out how it happened. Somehow the F-16 was able to land, but the pilots of the T-38 ejected. Both were found dead. I'll send you the information on it. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Thanks, Bill. ~~(C)~~

The President: We will work on this other thing and see John Prescott when he gets here. Thanks for working with me on this, man. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Not at all. I'll be in touch. (U)

The President: OK, bye. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Alright, Bill, speak to you soon. (U)

-- End of Conversation --