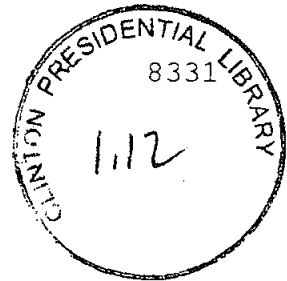


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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: George Chastain, Tony
Campanella, James Smith, Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME: December 9, 1997, 3:19-3:24 p.m. EST
AND PLACE: The Map Room

The President: Tony? (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Hi, Bill. (U)

The President: How are you doing? (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Fine, how are you? (U)

The President: I'm doing great. I know it's later there, but I wanted to check in with you. I've been on the phone a lot the last three or four days. I think we've made a lot of progress in Kyoto and John Prescott has been very helpful. We have made quite an effort to come to a common position, and I've authorized our negotiators to show more flexibility.

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I've tried to move to the European position on targets and timetables, based on some variation of the proposal on the table. (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: They're getting closer. If we can get all the big, Annex I countries to agree, maybe get the developing

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countries to do more. They agree on joint implementation projects, but they're still resisting Article 10. They seem to think that we'll coerce them into joining. (C)

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Prime Minister Blair:

The President: Really? You may have more up to date information than I do. (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

The President: That's pretty good. (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

The President: Yes, we will get a lot of abuse, and I'm going to get a lot of abuse at home. And I can't get it ratified unless we get commitments under Article 10 from developing countries. (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

The President: I do, too. We have one more day, and maybe we can talk tomorrow, if we need to. (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

The President: I agree with that. (C)

Prime Minister Blair: I hope it is okay.

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The President: Thank you. This is good news. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Me, too. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Is everything fine with you? (U)

The President: Fine. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Okay, I will try to find out exactly what is happening on Kyoto and we can talk again tomorrow if there is a continuing problem. (U)

The President: Okay, I'll be available. Let's bring it home. Goodbye, my friend. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Okay, goodbye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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