

THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with David Trimble, Ulster Unionist
Party Leader

PARTICIPANTS: The President
David Trimble

Notetakers: David Higgins, Sean Rice,
George Chastain, Joel Schrader and
Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME May 23, 1998, 1:01 - 1:04 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: Camp David, Maryland

The President: David?

Mr. Trimble: Yes.

The President: Congratulations.

Mr. Trimble: Thank you very much Mr. President. Everything came through in the end with a bit of a fight, but we got there.

The President: I'm really proud of you. In the last three days everyone was really pumping hard. You got all the undecided to break for you.

Mr. Trimble: It took the whole run of the week, but I think it turned over the weekend and more people will come after the event. Even some of those who voted "No" will change.

The President: I believe that also. I've heard what Paisley is saying, but I believe a lot of people who voted "No" will say give it a chance. Do you think you got 52 percent in the Protestant elections?

Mr. Trimble: I don't know if it was as good as that. If it was a Westminster election today, I would have lost my seat. I have a problem but it will come right. I've got a few years.

The President: You did a hell of a thing and you were very brave. I want to help however I can.

Mr. Trimble: That was one thing I was quite sure of in my mind and I managed to do it. It was the right thing and I knew that it would come right in the end. There were some times last week when I wondered if we would actually make it.

The President: I just wanted to say congrats.

Mr. Trimble: I am now looking for Adams to divvy up a bit. There are a number of things he has got to do and the sooner he starts doing them the better.

The President: I will get on it. Have a wonderful day. You earned it.

Mr. Trimble: I'm heading off in 45 or 50 minutes time for the first meeting of our constituency council to plan for our first assembly election.

The President: That's great. Take care man.

Mr. Trimble: Right.

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