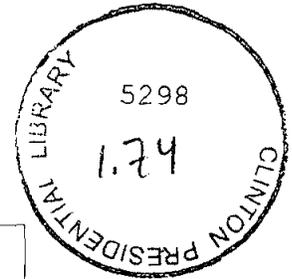


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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair  
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: Liz Rogers, Michael Manning,  
Rob Williams, Joel Ehrenreich and Lawrence  
Butler

DATE, TIME July 12, 1999, 1:56 - 2:01 p.m. EDT  
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President: Hello? (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Hi, Bill, sorry to trouble you again.

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The President: Yes, McGuinness is here. (C)

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Prime Minister Blair:

[Redacted]

The President: Won't the IRA say this is just changing the sequencing again. Basically they have a matter of mistrust. They still think they're going to get jacked around on the executive on this, don't they? (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

[Redacted]

The President: Let me ask you this. What about the legislation itself? I hear the SDLP has problems with it. (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

[Redacted]

The President: But do you think the legislation problems would go away if you had any statement from the IRA? (C)

Prime Minister Blair: I think so.

[Redacted]

The President: Could you change the legislation to overcome directives if you get the IRA statement? (C)

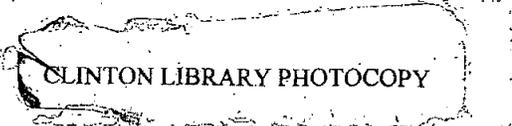
Prime Minister Blair:

[Redacted]

The President: Let me call you back. When are you going to bed? It must be getting pretty late there now. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: It's only 7 o'clock now. (U)

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The President: Let me see what I can do. I'll call you back.  
(U)

Prime Minister Blair: Okay, thanks, Bill. (U)

The President: Okay, goodbye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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