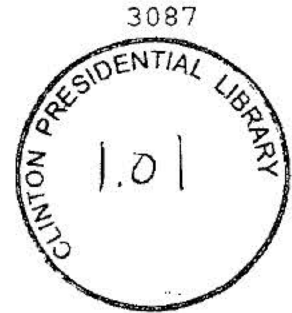


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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Labour Party Leader and Prime Minister-elect Tony Blair

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Mr. Blair

Notetakers: Natalie Johnson, Marc Koehler and Marianna Papadimitriou

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: May 1, 1997, 11:25-11:27 p.m. EDT
Residence

The President: Hello?

Mr. Blair: Hello.

The President: Tony? Congratulations.

Mr. Blair: Thanks very much indeed.

The President: What are you doing, making a round of parties?

Mr. Blair: Yes we are just off. There's a big celebration by the banks of the Thames. I'm just heading off there now. We're slowing down through the night. It's a stunning result, really.

The President: That was amazing.

Mr. Blair: Yes, it's amazing, isn't it?

The President: I'm really happy for you.

Mr. Blair: Yes, well you showed the way.

The President: I'm sorry you got so much grief from the press.

Mr. Blair: That's right. Always the Right attack you and the Left don't defend you.

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The President: Well, the people voted for you. That's the main thing. I wish you well and look forward to working with you. I guess I'll see you soon, at that NATO meeting, if not sooner.

Mr. Blair: Yes, that's right. I would love to do that. We have a chance to do something now. I look forward to meeting with you. We have a good and strong relationship.

The President: See you soon. Go on back to your people now. I just wanted to wish you congratulations.

Mr. Blair: Thanks, thank you very much indeed.

The President: Good-bye.

Mr. Blair: Good-bye.

-- End of Conversation --