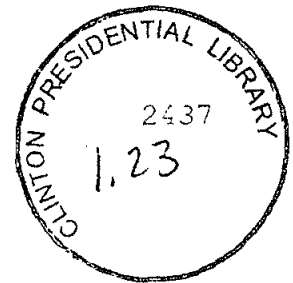


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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: Peter Huggins, Anthony
Campanella, Robert Ford, Karen Harris and
Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME April 5, 1998, 2:08 - 2:24 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: The Residence

The President: Hey Tony. How are you? (U)

Prime Minister Blair: I'm fine, absolutely fine. You had a
successful trip over there. The crowd scenes were amazing. (U)

The President: Unbelievable! It was my first time. We really
had a great time. We did some things that most people don't do
in South Africa. We got into the townships and little villages.
They were very good. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: It looked fantastic. You really made an
impact on them. It was a big boost to those countries. It will
be a bigger boost to the people than to the government. (U)

The President: Well, I hope so. How are we doing in Ireland?
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Prime Minister Blair: [Redacted]

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The President: Is there anything else that you want me to do?

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Prime Minister Blair: I don't think at the moment. ~~(C)~~

The President: I had a good round on Saint Patrick's Day. I really got to know each of them. ~~(C)~~

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The President: There is something else I would like to discuss: the meeting I had with Mandela when Bandar magically showed up.

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Prime Minister Blair: E.O. 13526, section 1.4(b)(d)

The President: I knew him before I became President.

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Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Yes, I agree with that. We need to know things;

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Prime Minister Blair: E.O. 13526, section 1.4(b)(d)

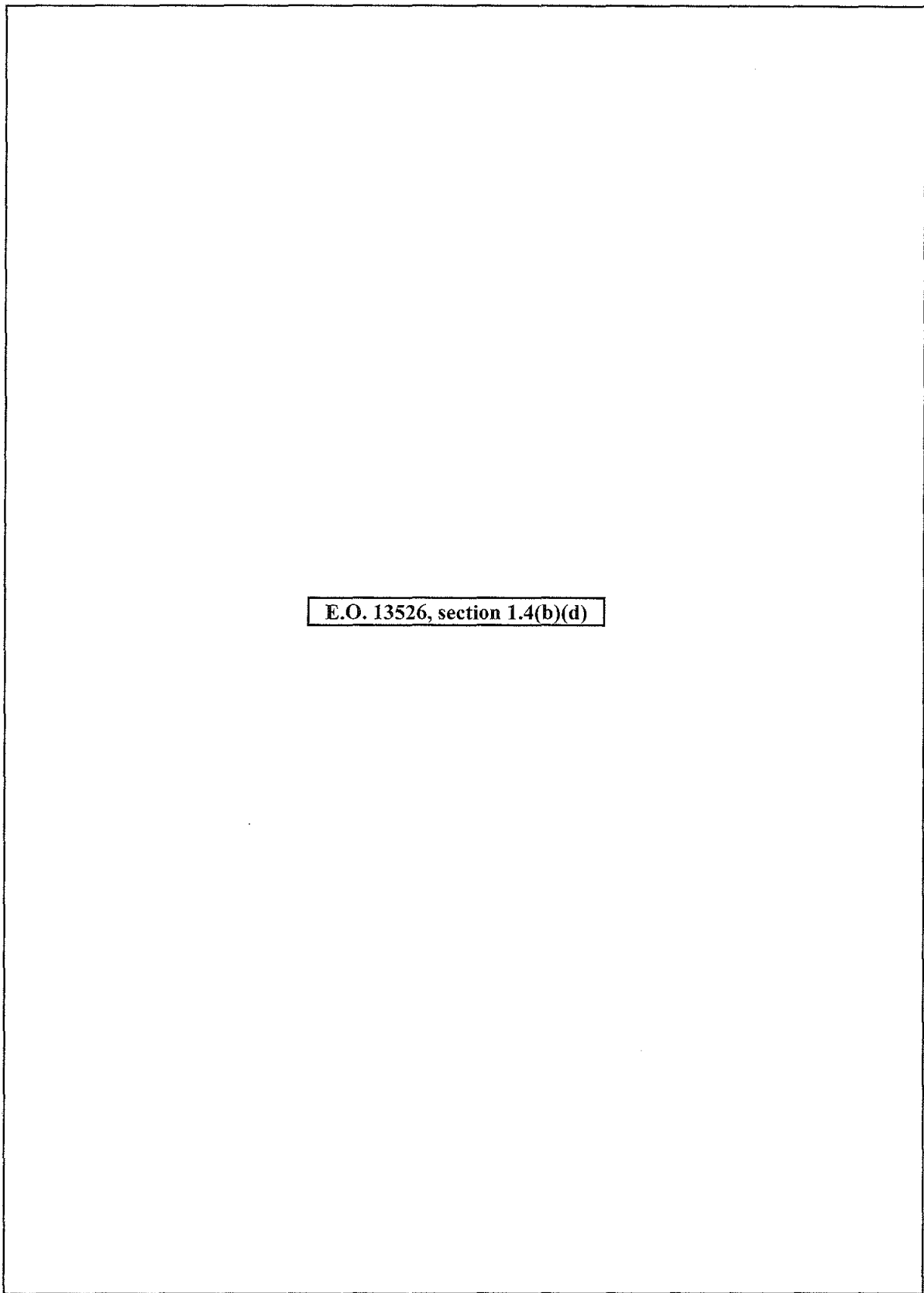
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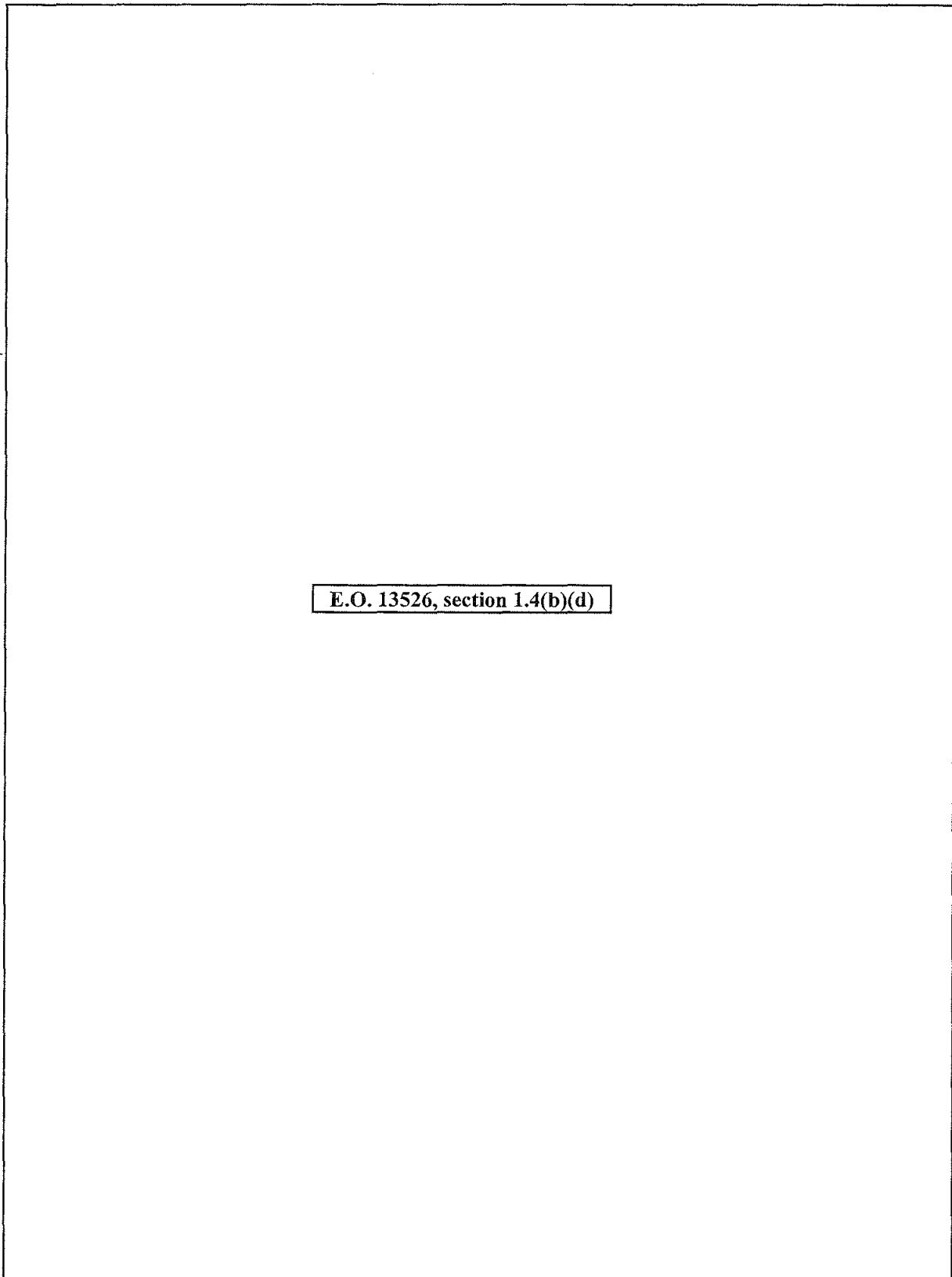
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The President: [Redacted] E.O. 13526, section 1.4(d)

Prime Minister Blair: [Redacted] E.O. 13526, section 1.4(b)(d)

The President: That's my theory. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: [Redacted] E.O. 13526, section 1.4(b)(d)

The President: When are you going out there? ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: I'm going in a couple of weeks time. ~~(S)~~

The President: Oh good. By then we should have a clear path on what to do by then. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: [Redacted] E.O. 13526, section 1.4(b)(d)

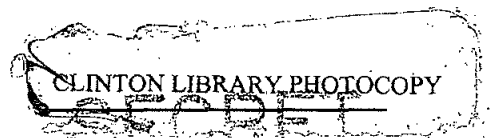
The President: Good. Okay. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: It's touch and go all the time. ~~(S)~~

The President: Let me know if you want me to do anything. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Good. ~~(S)~~

The President: [Redacted] E.O. 13526, section 1.4(d)



Prime Minister Blair: Alright, Bill. Say hello to Hillary, bye. (U)

The President: Bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --