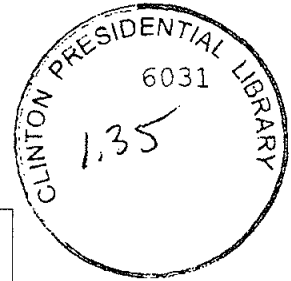


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SUBJECT: Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair
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PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: Tony Campanella, Doug Bayley,
Liz Rogers, Cindy Lawrence and Lawrence
Butler

DATE, TIME August 30, 1998, 2:29 - 2:38 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Hello. Tony? (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Yes. How are you? I'm up at Balmoral
with the Queen. (U)

The President: Well, good. Lucky for you. Is it still light?
(U)

Prime Minister Blair: It is a beautiful evening. How are you
doing? (U)

The President: I bet it is. I'm doing fine, working. I just
got off the phone with Kohl on Russia. How are we doing on
Ireland? ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Many, many thanks indeed for speaking
with Gerry Adams. Where we are?

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The President: That's what he told me. ~~(C)~~

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Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Well, you know do you think we can get them to meet next week, while I am there? ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: It's possible you know. Not impossible. ~~(S)~~

The President: It would be huge and help me enormously here with what I am dealing with.

Prime Minister Blair: You are here on Thursday?

The President: They could obviously do it in Belfast, or they could go to Omagh with us. It would be profoundly symbolic. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: I'm not asking you to promise. I had a tough talk with Gerry Adams. It was probably worth doing even though he didn't say yes on five and six. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: When I see you, I really hope we have some time to talk about Russia and Kosovo too. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: I agree with that. The first thing we have to do is get him confirmed, and

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It is really frustrating; all the money that went in has gone back out -- \$7.5 billion. I'll see what I can do over there and work like hell to influence the Duma people. Keep your fingers crossed. When I see you we'll get a chance to talk about it. I can't wait to see you. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Yes, likewise. ~~(C)~~

The President: See you soon. Goodbye. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Goodbye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --