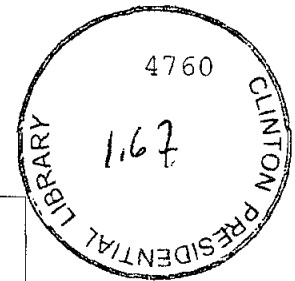


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Prime Minister Blair

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DATE, TIME June 21, 1999, 2:26 - 2:33 p.m. EDT  
AND PLACE: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Prime Minister Blair: Hello, Bill. (U)

The President: Hey, Tony, I called to tell you I'm sorry about  
your soldiers. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Thanks very much. It's very kind of you  
to call. We're still trying to find out the details. (U)

The President: Tony? (U)

[Call dropped and reestablished.]

The President: You're still trying to get the news? All I've  
seen is what's on CNN. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: We don't know how much more than that at  
the moment. It appears one of them was a sergeant, and they  
were trying to demine a school, and a mine went off. I'm afraid  
we're going to see quite a bit of this before it's all through.  
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The President: Yes. They said it might have been more like a booby trap than a traditional mine. It's difficult to tell whether they're deactivated. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: And it was in a school, I think. Well, they're pretty sick, actually. As more comes out about these Serb soldiers, it really is unbelievable. (U)

The President: There was a show on CNN on how mad the Russians are at America and me. Our guys told me this TV station I interviewed with yesterday seems to be the only one that came close to showing the truth about what Milosevic was up to. They're going to have to come to grips with it. (U)

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: I think in the near term we have to check the schedule by which our people are moving in. There was also a special about the French troops trying to separate the Serbs and the Kosovars. ~~(U)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Well, I won't keep you. I feel like we had a good G-8. I just wanted you to know I'm sorry about your men. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: That's kind of you, Bill. I thought we had a good G-8, too. So you're off to Macedonia tomorrow? (U)

The President: Yeah, I'm going to a state dinner in Macedonia [n.b., the President meant Slovenia] tonight, and Djukanovic, the Montenegrin President, is here. I'll give you a readout in a couple of days. ~~(U)~~

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

The President: Goodbye, Tony. (U)

-- End of Conversation --