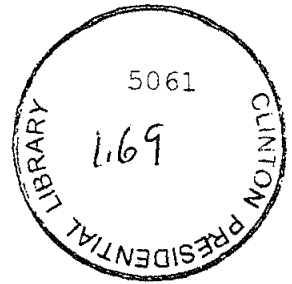


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SUBJECT: Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair  
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President  
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: Sean Tarver and Frank  
Jarosinski

DATE, TIME June 30, 1999, 9:25 - 9:38 p.m. CDT  
AND PLACE: Chicago, Illinois

Prime Minister Blair: Hi, Bill. (U)

The President: You are where you were last time we talked,  
aren't you? (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Yes. [REDACTED]  
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The President: I know. It's just terrible. Will Trimble even  
take my call now? ~~let~~

Prime Minister Blair: Yes. [REDACTED]  
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The President: Make a counterproposal? ~~let~~

Prime Minister Blair: Yes. [REDACTED]  
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The President: Yeah. [REDACTED]  
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Prime Minister Blair:

[Redacted]

The President: Is that their counterproposal one? (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

[Redacted]

The President: What is Gerry Adams saying in response? (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

[Redacted]

The President: You mean put that through Parliament? (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

[Redacted]

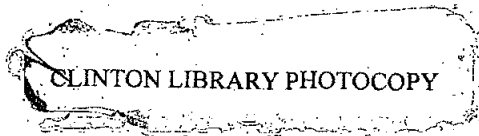
The President: What did he say? (C)

Prime Minister Blair:

[Redacted]

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The President: Do you think keeping them up all night will get them weary and make them give in? (C)



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Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: You mean let them get a little sleep. (C)

Prime Minister Blair: Yes. [REDACTED]

The President: [REDACTED]

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Is there anything I can say to Gerry Adams? Anything the United States can offer them to help them politically to move closer to where Trimble is? You know I actually have far more popularity within the Catholic community than the Protestant community. Most of the Protestants think I am a turncoat. (C)

Prime Minister Blair: [REDACTED]

The President: You offered him an act of Parliament, right?

Prime Minister Blair: Yes. [REDACTED]

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The President: So, they are not a judge of it? ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Yes. [redacted] ~~(S)~~

The President: God, I think that is the best deal. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: [redacted]

The President: Do you think Trimble will take that? ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: [redacted]

The President: But Gerry thinks that is like crying uncle. ~~(S)~~

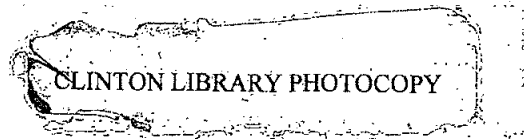
Prime Minister Blair: [redacted]

The President: Especially if Great Britain can be the guarantor of both sides. If you have legal authority; they won't understand that. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: [redacted]

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The President: Yes. So I should tell Adams that Trimble will help him work through that? ~~(S)~~



Prime Minister Blair:

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(S)

The President: Let me ask you this. Are you going back to call a halt until tomorrow morning? (S)

Prime Minister Blair: Yes. I have a little fiddling around to do, but probably in the next quarter hour. (S)

The President: Do you believe I should call in the next half hour or let them sleep first? (S)

Prime Minister Blair: I would call them now. (S)

The President: Okay, I will start to call them. My national security people are in if you need to call me in the middle of the night. I know what to say now. (S)

Prime Minister Blair: I will try to call them now. (S)

The President: You think I might be able to get them in the next ten minutes? (S)

Prime Minister Blair: Yes. (S)

The President: Okay, I am getting ready to get on the plane, so let me see what I can do. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Alright, Bill. (U)

The President: Okay, goodbye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --