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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair (U)

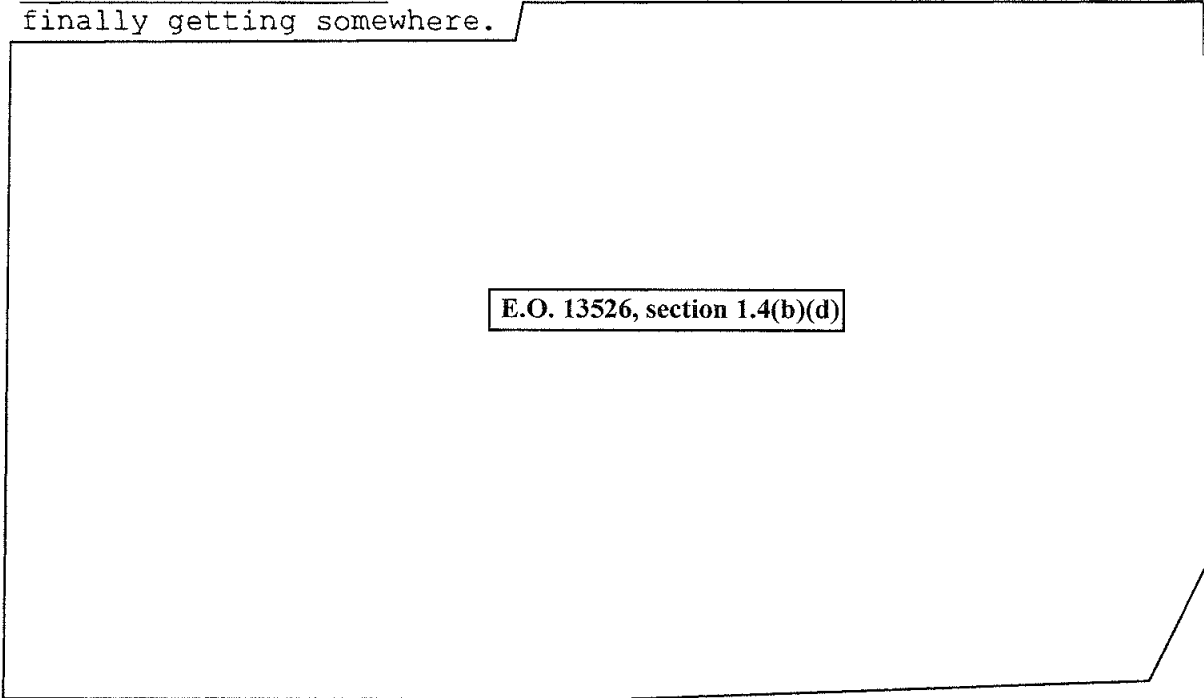
PARTICIPANTS: The President  
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: Robin Rickard, Joel Schrader,  
Don Cheremie and James Smith

DATE, TIME: July 1, 1999, 7:25 - 7:34 p.m. EDT  
AND PLACE: Jack Kent Cooke Stadium

The President: Hey, Tony. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Hi, Bill. Hello. Well. I think we're finally getting somewhere.

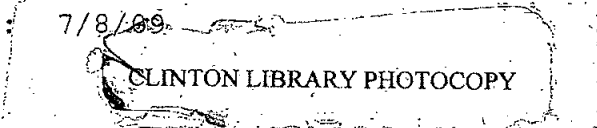


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The President: Yes. They say they can't do it before the end of October? ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Yes, they can't do it earlier. ~~(C)~~

The President: It would be interesting to see if they would do it earlier if they can get in earlier. ~~(C)~~

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Prime Minister Blair:

[Redacted]

The President: Yes, I can see that, actually. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

[Redacted]

The President:

[Redacted]

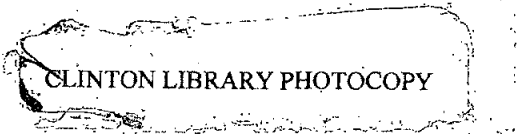
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Prime Minister Blair:

[Redacted]

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The President: I'm happy to. Do you want me to call tonight? Do they know about the proposal? ~~(C)~~



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Prime Minister Blair: [redacted]

The President: I'll call Trimble tonight. Gerry tonight? (e)

Prime Minister Blair: [redacted]

The President: Because Bertie's gone back to Dublin, right?

(e)

Prime Minister Blair: Yes, he has. Jim can check. (e)

The President: I will have Jim check to see if the Irish have talked to Gerry. If they have, I will call him. In any event, I'll talk to David. When I call him, what should I say? That I hope he takes this deal? (e)

Prime Minister Blair: Yes, that's right. [redacted]

The President: Yes. And you will make this agreement public tomorrow? This proposal? (e)

Prime Minister Blair: Yes. [redacted]

The President: At what point tomorrow will you publicly float this? So I could make a public comment. (e)

Prime Minister Blair: Our people will coordinate with your folks. Hang on just a second. [redacted]

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The President: Yes, I shouldn't talk to Gerry before the Irish. That would be usurping. (e)

Prime Minister Blair: [redacted]

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The President: Got it. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: [redacted]

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The President: Get some sleep. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: You, too. I'm sorry. It was very helpful when you talked to them yesterday. ~~(S)~~

The President: Okay. Goodbye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --