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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Prime Minister Blair (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: Deana Sutliff,
Frank Jarosinski, Sean Tarver, Don Gentile

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: March 6, 2000, 12:56 - 1:04 p.m. EST
Oval Office

The President: Hello, Tony. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Hello, Bill, how are you? (U)

The President: Hi, Tony. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Look, Bill, I've got to do this live television thing in five minutes? (U)

The President: Okay, just talk. (U)

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

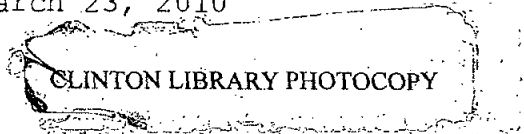
The President: Yes. (U)

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

The President: Let me tell you what I told Schroeder this morning. I talked to him for forty minutes this morning. The

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Prime Minister Blair:

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The President:

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Prime Minister Blair: This is a really important job. ~~(S)~~

The President: It is really important. It's not just political. You need to talk to him. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: He's in that frame of mind, is he? ~~(S)~~

The President: Yes. (U)

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: There are a couple of Germans who are qualified, but he can't get them to accept the job. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Yes. (U)

The President: Absolutely. I can't afford to be the skunk at the garden party. I have got to have some help. ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: He is going to call you. He is calling Kwasniewski first. I told him "this is going to look bad for you. It can't look like you and I made a deal and gagged Europe and infuriated all of the developing countries." ~~(S)~~

Prime Minister Blair:

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The President: Yes. (U)

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The President:

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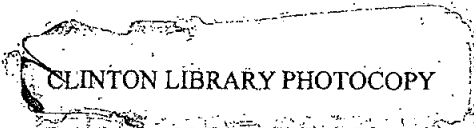
Prime Minister Blair: I will say that to him. I just wanted to check with you. ~~(S)~~

The President:

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Prime Minister Blair: Look, Bill, I've got to go. (U)

The President: Go. We also need to talk about Kosovo. ~~(S)~~



Prime Minister Blair: We need to talk about Kosovo and we need to talk about Northern Ireland as well. ~~(C)~~

The President: Call me in the next couple of days. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Okay, Bill. (U)

The President: Good Bye. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Good Bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --