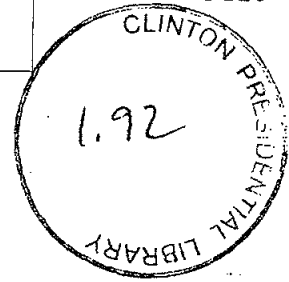


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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with British Prime Minister Blair
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Blair

Notetakers: Rob Hargis, Tina Yarmchuk, Kurt
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DATE, TIME October 12, 2000, 9:11 - 9:19 a.m. EDT
AND PLACE Chappaqua, NY

The President: Hello? (U)

Prime Minister Blair: Hello Bill? (U)

The President: Hey, Tony. (U)

Prime Minister Blair: It's a terrible situation. It's terrible
what happened to your servicemen. I want to express my
sympathies. If there is anything I can do, I am glad to. It
looks like it is spinning out of control. (e)

The President: I tried for days. We had two good days.

E.O. 13526, section 1.4(d)

Now, we don't know who blew up our ship.
We know there have been terrorist elements training for
something like this.

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Now you have these

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instabilities working against each other.

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Prime Minister Blair:

E.O. 13526, section 1.4(b)(d)

The President:

E.O. 13526, section 1.4(d)

Let me tell you what my plans are. I'm in New York, we just celebrated our 25th anniversary. What a romantic background. I'm on my way back to the office. It will take about 2 hours. I will call you back when I get there. I've tried to put something concrete together for two days. I'll get back to you when I get to Washington. (S)

Prime Minister Blair: I'm going off to the EU Council in Biarritz.

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The President:

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Prime Minister Blair: If you need anything from us, please pass it to me. (S)

The President: I will. Right now what we need is a non-judgmental break. For God's sake, let's get past this and start talking. I'll know more later. (S)

Prime Minister Blair: Let us know what we can do. (S)

The President: Hell, in a 100 days you can call me to go to places like Biarritz to go skiing. God really doesn't want me to ease my way out. (S)

Prime Minister Blair: Take care Bill. (U)

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The President: Bye. ~~(C)~~

Prime Minister Blair: Bye. ~~(C)~~

-- End of Conversation --

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