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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Sinn Fein Leader, Gerry Adams
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PARTICIPANTS: The President
Gerry Adams, President of Sinn Fein

Notetakers: Peter Huggins, Anthony Campanella, Robert Ford, Karen Harris, and Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: April 10, 1998, 00:52 - 1:14 a.m. EDT
The Residence

The President: Gerry? (U)

Mr. Adams: Mr. President, how are you? (U)

The President: Fine. How are you? Are you well? (U)

Mr. Adams: We've been up all night like everyone else. (U)

The President: Where are you? (U)

Mr. Adams: Well, I think the Strand I stuff has been mostly taken care of, except in the equality area -- in terms of institutions. There is still some work on the implementation bodies and Strand II. As much as can be, has been done. The British and the Irish governments have failed to agree on some issues. We're concentrating on a number of the crunch issues.

On the prisoners, we've asked the British Prime Minister that they be let out in one year. There is a need for a number of independent commissions; the criminal justice system here is corrupt. The Irish language -- it needs strengthening. The issue of parity of symbols needs work. I asked him (Blair) to look at the Irish and British statutes. I think we're looking at, all-in-all, five or six big issues that affect the people in

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their daily lives. I came out of a meeting with Mo and the Taoiseach. We'll meet with Mr. Blair. (S)

The President: Tell me again about the problems with Strand I. (S)

Mr. Adams: Strand I, with the exception of equality -- no, (pause) as I reflect on it, these issues are Strand I issues. We would like equality. The symbols are a problem as there is no parity on a statutory basis. On the prisoners, I think the British are in the ballpark of eighteen months; but once they've been released, the prisoners will become agents for the agreement. (S)

The President: I've been talking to them over the past several hours, I've talked to them two or three times. (S)

Mr. Adams: This is to Trimble? (S)

The President: No. I spoke with Tony, and the last time both he and Bertie were there. Their last formal offer was three years. I think they're in the ballpark. (S)

Mr. Adams: But they've always been in the ballpark. (S)

The President: Well, let me tell you what I think. I believe he can be persuaded to go to a year, but here's his worry. He's worried about you accepting the agreement, but not endorsing it. This is the only thing that he is likely to get crap about at home, particularly from the right wing press, and he needs you to endorse it. I think he can do the one year prisoner release, but he needs to work on the language with you. His worst nightmare is that he does this, and that Sinn Fein would grudgingly accept the agreement, but then say that it does not mean peace. I believe he'll give you what you ask, if you give him reassurance on the others. He and Bertie will work out implementing the other bugs, knowing you'll embrace it. He's afraid he'll get accused of giving away a lot and getting nothing in return. (S)

Mr. Adams: Okay. Well, first of all, let me just say up front I have felt all along that he will move to a year. I told him that three days ago. I told him I thought he would move to this and it would come to closure. Here's my reason for this: when wars end, prisoners go home. This is the history of war throughout humanity.

For him to pull this off -- the people in Britain would be ecstatic for the Prime Minister to have pulled this off, it would just be seen as a tremendous achievement. If it screws up because he hasn't done enough, then people will be...

Here's my position: we're in this for an agreement. We want an agreement. We'll indicate our attitude. So I'll go back to our Executive, that might be useful. If we embrace it too much, it will give Trimble difficulties. We understand we need space to bring the others on board. I understand Trimble's dilemma.

About my position in relation to these matters: in all dealings with your Administration and with the Irish going back to Bruton, never have I not acted in good faith, and have let the people know. (S)

The President: I know. You've shot straight with me. But what he's worried about is you taking this back to a vote. There's never been a time since I gave you the first visa that you've done something different than you said you would. He'll think, what if we do this and its all conditional. Your group says no; it won't oppose it, but you won't embrace it. This undermines his credibility. In his mind, peace means the embracing of the agreement by Sinn Fein. He's worried about the headlines. I understand how he feels. There's got to be a way to work this out, to couch the words. (S)

Mr. Adams: Well, we have said to both him and Bertie that we could not endorse it on what we have now; we cannot. (S)

I never did business with the British government during daylight hours. It's not daylight now. I am dealing with an important agenda. What affects people in their daily life? Police. What affects people in their daily life? Prisoners. What affects people in their daily lives? Criminal justice system, symbols, and equality. (S)

You know democracy isn't confined to the White House and the Capitol. Democracy is where the people are at, not in the bureaucracies that don't understand it. Democracy is at the debating chamber. It has to uplift people in their daily life. If we get a change in the status quo, these guys here would get their day in the sun, and the government would hail it as a great breakthrough. (S)

But David Trimble still hasn't spoken to me yet. When Senator Mitchell produced the paper, the first thing the Unionists did

was reject the paper and pick the substance out. They're getting recognition of the partition, the Assembly, which Trimble will control, the British-Irish Council, and changes to the Irish Constitution. All these initiatives were "in your face" and will come about very quickly and at the expense of the Irish, Irish nationalists, and Irish in the United States. (C)

It is now up to the unionists to take difficult decisions. The new Prime Minister moved very quickly and now it's up to the unionists. Of course I'm playing hardball, too. You wouldn't expect me not to. This is needed to make this fly. The RUC are still roaming the streets and there is a danger that we are going to a Palestinian-Israeli-HAMAS situation. It's important that the mainstream IRA is kept intact, then the smaller groups will go away. If we don't, then the small groups will flourish and we will be back to the same place we were 10 years ago. (C)

John Hume told me that he told Tony Blair he has to understand what Adams and McGuinness are trying to do. You know how hard it was to change opinions in your own party, think how difficult it is to bring people away from physical force when there is no other option. Here is the real change. You didn't get a united Ireland, but you did get a level playing field that will allow you to pursue a united Ireland via democratic, constitutional, and legal means. It affects the six counties. (C)

The President: I agree. I can say it's a significant change for you as well. I think he'll go with you on the prisoners and he'll want to know he won't get burned by the whole thing. (C)

Mr. Adams: Well, I have to say on both points I think you're right. I think he's open to all ideas. That's my sense. As I told him, if you were an Irish citizen, you wouldn't be Sinn Fein, but I don't think you would be UUP either. I was surprised how absorbed in the details he is. He wants to do this thing and I want to do it, too. His heart is behind the people who want positive change. (C)

The President: No question. You've got to figure this thing out. Maybe it's a benefit by going back to the Council. Then you need to find a way on prisoners to minimize negative fall out to him and fold it into the larger peace process. You're smart, you can figure this out. Go see him and I think you can figure this out. You're smarter than I am on this. You know your business. (C)

Mr. Adams: Well, okay. Well, that's what we're going to do on both these issues. (C)

The President: Boy, you've come a hell of long way from when you first came over here and I can't bear the thought of losing it now. There are a lot of people working long and hard on this. You can do this if you put your thinking cap on. It's a political problem for him. It's a political necessity for you. There has to be a way you can keep it moving. (C)

Mr. Adams: Okay. You can be assured because this is a life and death meeting we are going back into. We'll make it happen. Ingenious and creative ideas are needed. Once we get the agreement, we can move in that direction. Like you said, it is a political problem for him and a political necessity for us. I do think he's very well absorbed in this and has his own system to contend with. He's a profoundly decent man who wants to do the right thing. There's no doubt he did the right thing on Bloody Sunday. He did the right thing on Roisin McAliskey and he's done a lot in just being here. It has been an education for him. I'll do my best. (C)

The President: Call me back anytime tonight. It's one o'clock here. I'm going to call him back before you meet. (C)

Mr. Adams: When I met with Sandy and Jim I told them your commitment, both intellectual and emotional commitment, puts you in a position to quietly speak to him, and I would ask you to point these out as areas we need to make it happen. (C)

The President: I'll do it. (C)

Mr. Adams: You should say I raised the issues of prisoners, symbols and equality. (C)

The President: I'll do it. The first time I talked to him, I told him this is what you need to give to him. (C)

Mr. Adams: Okay, I'll give you a few minutes then I'll go up and see him. (C)

The President: I'll do all of that. (C)

Mr. Adams: When we get it all sorted out, you'll have your fingerprints all over this. (C)

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The President: The main thing is to get it sorted out.
There'll be plenty of praise to go around. (S)

Mr. Adams: Do let him know that I went that far with him. (S)

The President: Okay. (S)

Mr. Adams: Bye. (U)

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Unionist Party (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
David Trimble

Notetakers: Pat O'Shaughnessy, Joel
Schrader, Cindy Lawrence, James Smith and
Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME April 10, 1998, 10:59 - 11:09 a.m. EDT
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Hello, David? (U)

Mr. Trimble: Yes, Mr. President. (U)

The President: Did you get any sleep last night? (U)

Mr. Trimble: I did, actually. Three or four hours of sleep.
It's probably a good thing; I heard it was a really ghastly
atmosphere last night. (U)

The President: I got worried last night. I didn't get much
sleep, and I wasn't even in the room with you guys. I've been
given a little update on where the talks are. First, I wanted
to say that I really admire what you've done so far. I know
you've gotten a lot of crap for it in your party. You've taken
risks and I know the process is still full of tension. But I
also believe you can rightly claim that you have secured the
principle of consent of the people, that the Irish constitution
will be changed, and that you'll have the Assembly. You will
have a lot of things that embody what the Protestant majority
and the unionists want. (U)

Mr. Trimble: I know all that; I could recite it. Maybe you're not up to date. (S)

The President: Where are you on decommissioning? (S)

Mr. Trimble: We're in a mess. Our problem is we've got a background of no decommissioning taking place, even though we've shifted our position from prior to parallel decommissioning. Now we're looking at actual decommissioning, post-settlement. There is absolutely no expectation of the promise being honored. Sinn Fein is saying they are willing to come into the Northern Ireland Assembly, but without decommissioning, including a wide range of cabinet positions. They could come in and be entitled to walk straight into the administration. They would be fully armed. We would have to sit alongside a terrorist organization and work with them. (S)

That is just a bridge too far. We need assurance from the Prime Minister to guard against this provision. If a party maintains paramilitary links -- not just Sinn Fein, but any party -- and they had not undertaken decommissioning, they could sit in the Assembly but not in the government. We came into talks on that basis, but what was a firm pledge has been watered down. (S)

The President: What does it say on that? (S)

Mr. Trimble: It says that an individual can be removed from office by decision on a cross-community basis, which means only if SDLP supports it. From what they've said, they won't support that. So even though there is a provision to remove people, it would not be effective. We'd be crucified. I flagged this to my party and executive, and they agreed with me that it's important to have, and we hope to reinstate it. The funny thing is, the Strand 1 issue is an internal British affair and within the Prime Minister's authority, but he's reluctant because of representations made to the Irish government and the SDLP. (S)

I have my colleagues here; I told him, "You said in this report decommissioning would be complete in a two-year period. How about if we have a couple of better assurances that if, in the first six months, there is no decommissioning, you will rapidly introduce legislation that if they haven't undertaken it, they'll have no ministerial posts." I got a response from Tony that is nearly there, but not quite. It's not that we disbelieve them, it's what do our own people think, what does our party think. As much as I would like to do it, it looks like the party would split if I were to go ahead. Jeffrey

Donaldson is here -- he's a first class chap -- he can't work with this unless we get an effective provision. If there's a split in the talks team, it would be reflected throughout the country. So, we are right up to the wire. I can see a solution, but I just can't get there yet. (S)

The President: Let me say that if this happens, I mean if this goes forward, Sinn Fein will need a hell of a lot of help from the United States, from all their friends in the Irish community. I have become, for better or worse, an arbiter of that. I don't want to promise you what I can't deliver, but I think I can have a hell of a lot of influence on this decommissioning thing. I believe it ought to be done. If you can get near your comfort zone, I give you my word I'll bust my rear to get this thing going. (S)

Mr. Trimble: If we get words from Bertie Ahern, John Hume, and Tony Blair that are in line with what you said, we'll do it, I hope. They will introduce effective provisions that if there's no decommissioning after six months, paramilitary-related parties will not go into government posts before the transfer anticipated in February. I nearly got that from Tony, but it is not there. Let Tony go the rest of the way, and we could get them. It would be great if you can do it. (S)

The President: Alright, we'll see what they can offer you. I'm not going to walk away. We'll use our influence as the United States. We've got to do decommissioning, we'll set up all kinds of incentives for that. If it falls apart, I don't know what will happen. (S)

Mr. Trimble: I know that. (S)

The President: Hang tough. (S)

Mr. Trimble: I'll do the best I can. (S)

The President: Goodbye. (U)

Mr. Trimble: Goodbye. (U)

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PARTICIPANTS: The President
John Hume

Notetakers: Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Cindy Lawrence, Joel Schrader, David Higgins, James Smith and Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: April 10, 1998, 11:51 - 11:55 a.m. EDT
The Oval Office

The President: John? How are you doing? (U)

Mr. Hume: We had a little bit of a glitch, as you may know, on decommissioning. It's been a very difficult day here. Nothing is happening. (C)

The President: Let me tell you what I know. I've talked to Trimble, Blair and Bertie, and I wanted to call you. Part of this on Trimble's part may be legitimate, but part may be that yesterday was so much about Gerry that he wants a little today. Hell, no one got any sleep, so maybe there's not much balance of thought. After talking to Tony, he asked me to call you and Bertie. (C)

Trimble is concerned that the provision as it now sits, if there is misconduct and no decommissioning, the Assembly can do something. But it requires cross-party support, but he doesn't believe you would support that. I think you would if there is violence and no active decommissioning. Tony wanted to send a side letter that says, if measures in the agreement prove ineffective, that is if there is no progress on decommissioning and something bad happens, then he would support stronger measures. (C)

Let me tell you what I think he's saying: He's not saying it's a Strand 1 issue and the British parliament would act, this would be in a Northern Ireland context. I think it is a BS letter, but it may give Trimble enough cover to do a deal. (S)

Mr. Hume: Apparently, it has worked because we have just heard he said he is coming to the plenary session. George has called. I'm rushing there myself. (S)

The President: Tony wanted me to make sure you would not object. (S)

Mr. Hume: I spoke to Tony. Thanks for all your help. (S)

The President: You're a great man. Go there and claim your moment. (S)

Mr. Hume: Thanks a million, goodbye. (U)

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PARTICIPANTS: The President
John Hume, leader of the SDLP

Notetakers: Peter Huggins, Anthony Campanella, Robert Ford, Karen Harris and Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: April 10, 1998, 1:53 - 2:00 a.m. EDT
The Residence

The President: Hello, John. (U)

Mr. Hume: Hello, President. (U)

The President: Have you been to bed? (U)

Mr. Hume: I have been up all night. (U)

The President: Me too. But it's not so late where I am. It is only two in the morning here. (U)

Mr. Hume: Thank you very much for calling and all your concern. I talked to Tony, Bertie, and Gerry. We are very close to getting a deal. (S)

The President: Thanks for all that you have done. None of us would be here without you. (S)

Mr. Hume: Well, listen, thanks a million for the support. Not only was it positive but it was totally essential. It was very encouraging to the people on the ground. We, myself and my party, had talks with the unionists last night and reached an agreement. George Mitchell is putting it all together now and will present it soon. (S)

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The President: I will stay up all night if I have to. I can sleep over my book. (S)

Mr. Hume: I am going to need sleep after all of this. (S)

The President: I do too. I talked to Tony and Gerry and argued the prisoners issue. (S)

Mr. Hume: I spoke to both of them about it. (S)

The President: I called Gerry and said, look we can't ask him to do this unless he knows you're all for it. I told him you can't ask the man to stick his neck out. Hell, I don't know if I did any good. There's got to be a way to do this. (S)

Mr. Hume: I think that was excellent to say that. If he does support it, and people endorse it in the referendum, it will transform the whole atmosphere. We must leave the past behind and build a new future. Thanks very much for your interest and your calls. I talked to Jim Steinberg a couple of days ago. We agreed to work both sides together on the economic front. Continued U.S. assistance will be very valuable. (S)

The President: I will do whatever you want me to do, and on the economic front. (S)

Mr. Hume: We are pretty close. We are getting the documentation together; in a few hours it will be good news all over the world. (S)

The President: Well, I tell you I hope that you get a good night's sleep. You must feel very proud. (S)

Mr. Hume: That will be impossible. Things should be settling down in a few hours. Thanks a million again, Bill. (S)

The President: I will do whatever I can to make this work. (S)

Mr. Hume: I will do my best. I am very pleased. It's been a very long hard road as you know. Remember the day you came to my city? Remember I sent you the paper? The banner headline said, "The Town Bill Loved So Much." It's a take off on a song that a good friend of mine Phil Coulter wrote. We are hoping you can come and visit my city again. (S)

The President: Yeah, I loved it. I love that song. When will the referendum be held? (S)

Mr. Hume: That's right. On May 22. (S)

The President: Good. That will be right after Birmingham. (S)

Mr. Hume: It will be great to have you here. (S)

The President: Damn near too good to be true. But, I can't believe it will be hung up on the prisoner issue. But, I think that it will get through. (S)

Mr. Hume: Oh, I do. Very much so. I spoke to Gerry and Tony. In fact, Blair said that your call to him strengthened him to continue. (S)

The President: He admitted that Blair was honest and he will do what is right. There is a lot of feeling out there that the time has come. (S)

Mr. Hume: No, no he can't walk away. In fact, Blair has put our problem at the top of his agenda in a way no other prime minister has been able to do. The fact that we have the two prime ministers here, working together, using all the resources of the governments' to promote the agreement is very valuable. (S)

The President: I just think in a few hours you can look forward to celebrating. You have a lot to celebrate. (U)

Mr. Hume: We will do it and be thinking of you. Thanks, bye. (U)

The President: Thanks. Goodnight. (U)

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The President: Yes. (U)

Mr. Adams: Well, those charged with the murders are members of this force. The British were forced to disband the previous regiment and they had to disband the regiment before that. It hasn't been dealt with here and it's a huge source of concern. Other issues are the criminal justice system, human rights issues. Some good work has been done, but quite a few matters haven't been dealt with and others haven't been completely dealt with. I talked to Tony and he will meet me. He sent me a letter, which I haven't read yet, to which I will reply to try and resolve these issues. I believe the guy. (U)

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We didn't get movement on the prisoners to one year, except in a conditional sort of way; if we were positive, then he would move it from two to one years. He said he would say it publicly. I asked him not to say it publicly because it would be difficult for me. It would seem like I was doing this under pressure and some people would not like it. There are some things I don't like -- changes in the Irish Constitution, unionists getting their Assembly -- something we've been against all along. That's what we're doing. (S)

We're living very dangerously and we need your continued help. These are issues that I know you care a lot about -- human rights, equality, demilitarizing the situation, and bringing the opportunity to people for a better society. It's going to be very bumpy. It helps to have your support, that I can call on you to talk to Mr. Blair on issues, whatever the issue is. I need that continued nudge. You're the President of the United States and I'm just a local politician. Tony Blair is the Prime Minister of Britain. (S)

The President: I'll be happy to do that. I know you've done the best you can. His word is good on the prisoner issues. The gains to be had are significant. I will work with others and do what I can to help. (S)

Mr. Adams: Okay, Mr. President. Thank you and sorry for waking you. I actually forgot about the time. (U)

The President: Any time. (U)

Mr. Adams: God bless. (U)

The President: Take it easy. (U)

Mr. Adams: Bye. (U)

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Notetakers: Peter Huggins, Anthony Campanella, Robert Ford, Karen Harris and Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: April 10, 1998, 1:53 - 2:00 ^{P.M.} ~~A.M.~~ EDT
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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Sinn Fein Leader, Gerry Adams
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Gerry Adams, President of Sinn Fein

Notetakers: Peter Huggins, Anthony
Campanella, Robert Ford, Karen Harris, and
Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME April 10, 1998, 00:52 - 1:14 a.m. EDT
AND PLACE: The Residence

The President: Gerry? (U)

Mr. Adams: Mr. President, how are you? (U)

The President: Fine. How are you? Are you well? (U)

Mr. Adams: We've been up all night like everyone else. (U)

The President: Where are you? (U)

Mr. Adams: Well, I think the Strand I stuff has been mostly taken care of, except in the equality area -- in terms of institutions. There is still some work on the implementation bodies and Strand II. As much as can be, has been done. The British and the Irish governments have failed to agree on some issues. We're concentrating on a number of the crunch issues.

On the prisoners, we've asked the British Prime Minister that they be let out in one year. There is a need for a number of independent commissions; the criminal justice system here is corrupt. The Irish language -- it needs strengthening. The issue of parity of symbols needs work. I asked him (Blair) to look at the Irish and British statutes. I think we're looking at, all-in-all, five or six big issues that affect the people in

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their daily lives. I came out of a meeting with Mo and the Taoiseach. We'll meet with Mr. Blair. (S)

The President: Tell me again about the problems with Strand I. (S)

Mr. Adams: Strand I, with the exception of equality -- no, (pause) as I reflect on it, these issues are Strand I issues. We would like equality. The symbols are a problem as there is no parity on a statutory basis. On the prisoners, I think the British are in the ballpark of eighteen months; but once they've been released, the prisoners will become agents for the agreement. (S)

The President: I've been talking to them over the past several hours, I've talked to them two or three times. (S)

Mr. Adams: This is to Trimble? (S)

The President: No. I spoke with Tony, and the last time both he and Bertie were there. Their last formal offer was three years. I think they're in the ballpark. (S)

Mr. Adams: But they've always been in the ballpark. (S)

The President: Well, let me tell you what I think. I believe he can be persuaded to go to a year, but here's his worry. He's worried about you accepting the agreement, but not endorsing it. This is the only thing that he is likely to get crap about at home, particularly from the right wing press, and he needs you to endorse it. I think he can do the one year prisoner release, but he needs to work on the language with you. His worst nightmare is that he does this, and that Sinn Fein would grudgingly accept the agreement, but then say that it does not mean peace. I believe he'll give you what you ask, if you give him reassurance on the others. He and Bertie will work out implementing the other bugs, knowing you'll embrace it. He's afraid he'll get accused of giving away a lot and getting nothing in return. (S)

Mr. Adams: Okay. Well, first of all, let me just say up front I have felt all along that he will move to a year. I told him that three days ago. I told him I thought he would move to this and it would come to closure. Here's my reason for this: when wars end, prisoners go home. This is the history of war throughout humanity.

For him to pull this off -- the people in Britain would be ecstatic for the Prime Minister to have pulled this off, it would just be seen as a tremendous achievement. If it screws up because he hasn't done enough, then people will be...

Here's my position: we're in this for an agreement. We want an agreement. We'll indicate our attitude. So I'll go back to our Executive, that might be useful. If we embrace it too much, it will give Trimble difficulties. We understand we need space to bring the others on board. I understand Trimble's dilemma.

About my position in relation to these matters: in all dealings with your Administration and with the Irish going back to Bruton, never have I not acted in good faith, and have let the people know. (S)

The President: I know. You've shot straight with me. But what he's worried about is you taking this back to a vote. There's never been a time since I gave you the first visa that you've done something different than you said you would. He'll think, what if we do this and it's all conditional. Your group says no; it won't oppose it, but you won't embrace it. This undermines his credibility. In his mind, peace means the embracing of the agreement by Sinn Fein. He's worried about the headlines. I understand how he feels. There's got to be a way to work this out, to couch the words. (S)

Mr. Adams: Well, we have said to both him and Bertie that we could not endorse it on what we have now; we cannot. (S)

I never did business with the British government during daylight hours. It's not daylight now. I am dealing with an important agenda. What affects people in their daily life? Police. What affects people in their daily life? Prisoners. What affects people in their daily lives? Criminal justice system, symbols, and equality. (S)

You know democracy isn't confined to the White House and the Capitol. Democracy is where the people are at, not in the bureaucracies that don't understand it. Democracy is at the debating chamber. It has to uplift people in their daily life. If we get a change in the status quo, these guys here would get their day in the sun, and the government would hail it as a great breakthrough. (S)

But David Trimble still hasn't spoken to me yet. When Senator Mitchell produced the paper, the first thing the Unionists did

was reject the paper and pick the substance out. They're getting recognition of the partition, the Assembly, which Trimble will control, the British-Irish Council, and changes to the Irish Constitution. All these initiatives were "in your face" and will come about very quickly and at the expense of the Irish, Irish nationalists, and Irish in the United States. (S)

It is now up to the unionists to take difficult decisions. The new Prime Minister moved very quickly and now it's up to the unionists. Of course I'm playing hardball, too. You wouldn't expect me not to. This is needed to make this fly. The RUC are still roaming the streets and there is a danger that we are going to a Palestinian-Israeli-HAMAS situation. It's important that the mainstream IRA is kept intact, then the smaller groups will go away. If we don't, then the small groups will flourish and we will be back to the same place we were 10 years ago. (S)

John Hume told me that he told Tony Blair he has to understand what Adams and McGuinness are trying to do. You know how hard it was to change opinions in your own party, think how difficult it is to bring people away from physical force when there is no other option. Here is the real change. You didn't get a united Ireland, but you did get a level playing field that will allow you to pursue a united Ireland via democratic, constitutional, and legal means. It affects the six counties. (S)

The President: I agree. I can say it's a significant change for you as well. I think he'll go with you on the prisoners and he'll want to know he won't get burned by the whole thing. (S)

Mr. Adams: Well, I have to say on both points I think you're right. I think he's open to all ideas. That's my sense. As I told him, if you were an Irish citizen, you wouldn't be Sinn Fein, but I don't think you would be UUP either. I was surprised how absorbed in the details he is. He wants to do this thing and I want to do it, too. His heart is behind the people who want positive change. (S)

The President: No question. You've got to figure this thing out. Maybe it's a benefit by going back to the Council. Then you need to find a way on prisoners to minimize negative fall out to him and fold it into the larger peace process. You're smart, you can figure this out. Go see him and I think you can figure this out. You're smarter than I am on this. You know your business. (S)

Mr. Adams: Well, okay. Well, that's what we're going to do on both these issues. (C)

The President: Boy, you've come a hell of long way from when you first came over here and I can't bear the thought of losing it now. There are a lot of people working long and hard on this. You can do this if you put your thinking cap on. It's a political problem for him. It's a political necessity for you. There has to be a way you can keep it moving. (C)

Mr. Adams: Okay. You can be assured because this is a life and death meeting we are going back into. We'll make it happen. Ingenious and creative ideas are needed. Once we get the agreement, we can move in that direction. Like you said, it is a political problem for him and a political necessity for us. I do think he's very well absorbed in this and has his own system to contend with. He's a profoundly decent man who wants to do the right thing. There's no doubt he did the right thing on Bloody Sunday. He did the right thing on Roisin McAliskey and he's done a lot in just being here. It has been an education for him. I'll do my best. (C)

The President: Call me back anytime tonight. It's one o'clock here. I'm going to call him back before you meet. (C)

Mr. Adams: When I met with Sandy and Jim I told them your commitment, both intellectual and emotional commitment, puts you in a position to quietly speak to him, and I would ask you to point these out as areas we need to make it happen. (C)

The President: I'll do it. (C)

Mr. Adams: You should say I raised the issues of prisoners, symbols and equality. (C)

The President: I'll do it. The first time I talked to him, I told him this is what you need to give to him. (C)

Mr. Adams: Okay, I'll give you a few minutes then I'll go up and see him. (C)

The President: I'll do all of that. (C)

Mr. Adams: When we get it all sorted out, you'll have your fingerprints all over this. (C)

The President: The main thing is to get it sorted out.
There'll be plenty of praise to go around. ~~(S)~~

Mr. Adams: Do let him know that I went that far with him. ~~(S)~~

The President: Okay. ~~(S)~~

Mr. Adams: Bye. (U)

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Unionist Party (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
David Trimble

Notetakers: Pat O'Shaughnessy, Joel
Schrader, Cindy Lawrence, James Smith and
Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME April 10, 1998, 10:59 - 11:09 a.m. EDT
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Hello, David? (U)

Mr. Trimble: Yes, Mr. President. (U)

The President: Did you get any sleep last night? (U)

Mr. Trimble: I did, actually. Three or four hours of sleep.
It's probably a good thing; I heard it was a really ghastly
atmosphere last night. (C)

The President: I got worried last night. I didn't get much
sleep, and I wasn't even in the room with you guys. I've been
given a little update on where the talks are. First, I wanted
to say that I really admire what you've done so far. I know
you've gotten a lot of crap for it in your party. You've taken
risks and I know the process is still full of tension. But I
also believe you can rightly claim that you have secured the
principle of consent of the people, that the Irish constitution
will be changed, and that you'll have the Assembly. You will
have a lot of things that embody what the Protestant majority
and the unionists want. (C)

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Mr. Trimble: I know all that; I could recite it. Maybe you're not up to date. (e)

The President: Where are you on decommissioning? (e)

Mr. Trimble: We're in a mess. Our problem is we've got a background of no decommissioning taking place, even though we've shifted our position from prior to parallel decommissioning. Now we're looking at actual decommissioning, post-settlement. There is absolutely no expectation of the promise being honored. Sinn Fein is saying they are willing to come into the Northern Ireland Assembly, but without decommissioning, including a wide range of cabinet positions. They could come in and be entitled to walk straight into the administration. They would be fully armed. We would have to sit alongside a terrorist organization and work with them. (e)

That is just a bridge too far. We need assurance from the Prime Minister to guard against this provision. If a party maintains paramilitary links -- not just Sinn Fein, but any party -- and they had not undertaken decommissioning, they could sit in the Assembly but not in the government. We came into talks on that basis, but what was a firm pledge has been watered down. (e)

The President: What does it say on that? (e)

Mr. Trimble: It says that an individual can be removed from office by decision on a cross-community basis, which means only if SDLP supports it. From what they've said, they won't support that. So even though there is a provision to remove people, it would not be effective. We'd be crucified. I flagged this to my party and executive, and they agreed with me that it's important to have, and we hope to reinstate it. The funny thing is, the Strand 1 issue is an internal British affair and within the Prime Minister's authority, but he's reluctant because of representations made to the Irish government and the SDLP. (e)

I have my colleagues here; I told him, "You said in this report decommissioning would be complete in a two-year period. How about if we have a couple of better assurances that if, in the first six months, there is no decommissioning, you will rapidly introduce legislation that if they haven't undertaken it, they'll have no ministerial posts." I got a response from Tony that is nearly there, but not quite. It's not that we disbelieve them, it's what do our own people think, what does our party think. As much as I would like to do it, it looks like the party would split if I were to go ahead. Jeffrey

Donaldson is here -- he's a first class chap -- he can't work with this unless we get an effective provision. If there's a split in the talks team, it would be reflected throughout the country. So, we are right up to the wire. I can see a solution, but I just can't get there yet. (S)

The President: Let me say that if this happens, I mean if this goes forward, Sinn Fein will need a hell of a lot of help from the United States, from all their friends in the Irish community. I have become, for better or worse, an arbiter of that. I don't want to promise you what I can't deliver, but I think I can have a hell of a lot of influence on this decommissioning thing. I believe it ought to be done. If you can get near your comfort zone, I give you my word I'll bust my rear to get this thing going. (S)

Mr. Trimble: If we get words from Bertie Ahern, John Hume, and Tony Blair that are in line with what you said, we'll do it, I hope. They will introduce effective provisions that if there's no decommissioning after six months, paramilitary-related parties will not go into government posts before the transfer anticipated in February. I nearly got that from Tony, but it is not there. Let Tony go the rest of the way, and we could get them. It would be great if you can do it. (S)

The President: Alright, we'll see what they can offer you. I'm not going to walk away. We'll use our influence as the United States. We've got to do decommissioning, we'll set up all kinds of incentives for that. If it falls apart, I don't know what will happen. (S)

Mr. Trimble: I know that. (S)

The President: Hang tough. (S)

Mr. Trimble: I'll do the best I can. (S)

The President: Goodbye. (U)

Mr. Trimble: Goodbye. (U)

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PARTICIPANTS: The President
John Hume

Notetakers: Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Cindy Lawrence, Joel Schrader, David Higgins, James Smith and Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: April 10, 1998, 11:51 - 11:55 a.m. EDT
The Oval Office

The President: John? How are you doing? (U)

Mr. Hume: We had a little bit of a glitch, as you may know, on decommissioning. It's been a very difficult day here. Nothing is happening. (U)

The President: Let me tell you what I know. I've talked to Trimble, Blair and Bertie, and I wanted to call you. Part of this on Trimble's part may be legitimate, but part may be that yesterday was so much about Gerry that he wants a little today. Hell, no one got any sleep, so maybe there's not much balance of thought. After talking to Tony, he asked me to call you and Bertie. (U)

Trimble is concerned that the provision as it now sits, if there is misconduct and no decommissioning, the Assembly can do something. But it requires cross-party support, but he doesn't believe you would support that. I think you would if there is violence and no active decommissioning. Tony wanted to send a side letter that says, if measures in the agreement prove ineffective, that is if there is no progress on decommissioning and something bad happens, then he would support stronger measures. (U)

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Let me tell you what I think he's saying: He's not saying it's a Strand 1 issue and the British parliament would act, this would be in a Northern Ireland context. I think it is a BS letter, but it may give Trimble enough cover to do a deal. (S)

Mr. Hume: Apparently, it has worked because we have just heard he said he is coming to the plenary session. George has called. I'm rushing there myself. (S)

The President: Tony wanted me to make sure you would not object. (S)

Mr. Hume: I spoke to Tony. Thanks for all your help. (S)

The President: You're a great man. Go there and claim your moment. (S)

Mr. Hume: Thanks a million, goodbye. (U)

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The President: Yeah, I loved it. I love that song. When will the referendum be held? (S)

Mr. Hume: That's right. On May 22. (S)

The President: Good. That will be right after Birmingham. (S)

Mr. Hume: It will be great to have you here. (S)

The President: Damn near too good to be true. But, I can't believe it will be hung up on the prisoner issue. But, I think that it will get through. (S)

Mr. Hume: Oh, I do. Very much so. I spoke to Gerry and Tony. In fact, Blair said that your call to him strengthened him to continue. (S)

The President: He admitted that Blair was honest and he will do what is right. There is a lot of feeling out there that the time has come. (S)

Mr. Hume: No, no he can't walk away. In fact, Blair has put our problem at the top of his agenda in a way no other prime minister has been able to do. The fact that we have the two prime ministers here, working together, using all the resources of the governments' to promote the agreement is very valuable. (S)

The President: I just think in a few hours you can look forward to celebrating. You have a lot to celebrate. (U)

Mr. Hume: We will do it and be thinking of you. Thanks, bye. (U)

The President: Thanks. Goodnight. (U)

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PARTICIPANTS: The President
Gerry Adams

Notetakers: Peter Huggins, Anthony
Campanella and Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME: April 10, 1998, 5:00 - 5:07 a.m. EDT
AND PLACE: The Residence

Mr. Adams: Sorry, President, for waking you up. I've had two meetings with Bertie Ahern and Tony Blair. We had a pretty good talk. There are a number of issues with the agreement that should have been resolved, issues like equality, getting parity on a statutory basis, improvement on the issue of Irish language -- though we did get some improvements there. I'm not going to give you a whole laundry list, but there is particular difficulty with locally recruited regiment. Do you remember the murders of those two men in the pub, one Catholic and one Protestant? (C)

The President: Yes. (C)

Mr. Adams: Well, those charged with the murders are members of this force. The British were forced to disband the previous regiment and they had to disband the regiment before that. It hasn't been dealt with here and it's a huge source of concern. Other issues are the criminal justice system, human rights issues. Some good work has been done, but quite a few matters haven't been dealt with and others haven't been completely dealt with. I talked to Tony and he will meet me. He sent me a letter, which I haven't read yet, to which I will reply to try and resolve these issues. I believe the guy. (C)

Some of these issues he doesn't have a firm grasp of and he cannot answer them here. This is going to be rocky. We haven't

gotten as much as we should have. I'm going to have to look at it closely. I'm going to run some words past Mr. Blair and see if there's any chance of a way forward. I think Blair is happy with them. I'm also going to run amendments on some matters past Senator Mitchell. It would have been a better agreement if we had resolved them. (C)

We didn't get movement on the prisoners to one year, except in a conditional sort of way; if we were positive, then he would move it from two to one years. He said he would say it publicly. I asked him not to say it publicly because it would be difficult for me. It would seem like I was doing this under pressure and some people would not like it. There are some things I don't like -- changes in the Irish Constitution, unionists getting their Assembly -- something we've been against all along. That's what we're doing. (C)

We're living very dangerously and we need your continued help. These are issues that I know you care a lot about -- human rights, equality, demilitarizing the situation, and bringing the opportunity to people for a better society. It's going to be very bumpy. It helps to have your support, that I can call on you to talk to Mr. Blair on issues, whatever the issue is. I need that continued nudge. You're the President of the United States and I'm just a local politician. Tony Blair is the Prime Minister of Britain. (C)

The President: I'll be happy to do that. I know you've done the best you can. His word is good on the prisoner issues. The gains to be had are significant. I will work with others and do what I can to help. (C)

Mr. Adams: Okay, Mr. President. Thank you and sorry for waking you. I actually forgot about the time. (U)

The President: Any time. (U)

Mr. Adams: God bless. (U)

The President: Take it easy. (U)

Mr. Adams: Bye. (U)

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DATE, TIME April 10, 1998, 5:00 - 5:07 ^{p.m.} a.m. EDT
AND PLACE: The Residence

Mr. Adams: Sorry, President, for waking you up. I've had two meetings with Bertie Ahern and Tony Blair. We had a pretty good talk. There are a number of issues with the agreement that should have been resolved, issues like equality, getting parity on a statutory basis, improvement on the -- though we did get some improvements to give you a whole laundry list, but there is difficulty with locally recruited regime murders of those two men in the pub, one Protestant? (U)

The President: Yes. (U)

Mr. Adams: Well, those charged with the this force. The British were forced to disband the regiment and they had to deal with the reg hasn't been dealt with here and it's a h Other issues are the criminal justice sy issues Some good work has been done, b haven't been dealt with and others haven't with. I talked to Tony and he will meet letter, which I haven't read yet, to whi and resolve these issues. I believe the

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with John Hume, Leader of Social Democratic and Labour Party (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
John Hume, leader of the SDLP

Notetakers: Peter Huggins, Anthony Campanella, Robert Ford, Karen Harris and Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: April 10, 1998, 1:53 - 2:00 P.M. ---
The Residence

The President: Hello, John. (U)

Mr. Hume: Hello, President. (U)

The President: Have you been to bed? (U)

Mr. Hume: I have been up all night. (U)

The President: Me too. But it's not so only two in the morning here. (U)

Mr. Hume: Thank you very much for calling I talked to Tony, Bertie, and Gerry. We are very close to getting a deal. (U)

The President: Thanks for all that you have done. None of us would be here without you. (U)

Mr. Hume: Well, listen, thanks a million for the support. Not only was it positive but it was totally essential. It was very encouraging to the people on the ground. We, myself and my party, had talks with the unionists last night and reached an agreement. George Mitchell is putting it all together now and will present it soon. (U)

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The President: I will stay up all night if I have to. I can sleep over my book. (S)

Mr. Hume: I am going to need sleep after all of this. (S)

The President: I do ^{too} to. I talked to Tony and Gerry and argued the prisoners issue. (S) ✓

Mr. Hume: I spoke to both of them about it. (S)

The President: I called Gerry and said, look we can't ask him to do this unless he knows you're all for it. I told him you can't ask the man to stick his neck out. Hell, I don't know if I did any good. There's got to be a way to do this. (S)

Mr. Hume: I think that was excellent to say that. If he does support it, and people endorse it in the referendum, it will transform the whole atmosphere. We must leave the past behind and build a new future. Thanks very much for your interest and your calls. I talked to Jim Steinberg a couple of days ago. We agreed to work both sides together on the economic front. Continued U.S. assistance will be very valuable. (S)

The President: I will do whatever you want me to do, and on the economic front. (S)

Mr. Hume: We are pretty close. We are getting the documentation together; in a few hours it will be good news all over the world. (S)

The President: Well, I tell you I hope that you get a good night's sleep. You must feel very proud. (S)

Mr. Hume: That will be impossible. Things should be settling down in a few hours. Thanks a million again, Bill. (S)

The President: I will do whatever I can to make this work. (S)

Mr. Hume: I will do my best. I am very pleased. It's been a very long hard road as you know. Remember the day you came to my city? Remember I sent you the paper? The banner headline said, "The Town Bill Loved So Much." It's a take off on a song that a good friend of mine Phil Coulter wrote. We are hoping you can come and visit my city again. (S)

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER 

THROUGH: DONALD K. BANDLER 

FROM: LAWRENCE BUTLER 

SUBJECT: Telcon with Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein Leader on August 28, 1998

Attached at Tab A is the Memorandum of Telephone Conversation between the President and Gerry Adams that took place on August 28, 1998.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached Memorandum of Telephone Conversation be filed for the record.

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Tab A Memorandum of Telephone Conversation

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Gerry Adams, Leader of Sinn Fein
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Gerry Adams

Notetakers: Bonnie Glick, Joel Schrader,
Liz Rogers, George Chastain, Jim Smith and
Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME August 28, 1998, 4:36 - 5:13 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts

The President: Hello, Gerry? (U)

The President: Hi, it's Bill Clinton. How are you? (U)

Mr. Adams: I'm sorry. I didn't recognize your voice. (U)

The President: I'll be there Thursday, and I'm looking forward
to seeing you. I have to go to Russia first, so I'll be glad to
get there. (U)

Mr. Adams: Yes, I just watched the news tonight. (U)

The President: I just wanted to talk to you about how I can
contribute when I get there. The incident at Omagh has only
redoubled my determination. I know the proposal Ahern and Blair
have suggested to you, and I think the real problem is
decommissioning. (U)

Let me just say one thing: I know I'm an outsider, but it seems
what you said after Omagh, and the nearly unanimous revulsion
over it, has strengthened your hand and has made objections to a
direct meeting between you and Trimble seem smaller. One
conversation I had with Tony Blair, I don't know if it means
anything to you or changes the politics, is that he said that

anything de Chastelain would say, whatever the words are, is that substantial decommissioning or a good opening gesture would qualify. It doesn't have to mean turning guns over. Exploding an "X" amount of Semtex, or having some fuses destroyed in his presence would be enough, in the absence of handing over weapons early. Then we could get you into the executive committee without Trimble losing his leadership position, because our reading is that they will throw him out without a gesture from you on decommissioning. (S)

Maybe on Thursday when I am there we could have the meeting between you and Trimble, if that is appealing to you. I don't know that you could ever have a better time or that we could make a better deal. (S)

Mr. Adams: Let me first say that in terms of the steps that Taoiseach and Tony Blair are working on, we have cooperated with them, and have made positive suggestions related to this. The one thing we cannot deliver is IRA decommissioning. (S)

Mr. Adams: Did you hear my dog in the background? (U)

The President: Yes. I have one, too. (U)

Mr. Adams: He hasn't seen me in a while. He's at the window shouting. (U)

I've told Bertie and Tony this, and we battled back and forth on this. What we're going to do from the Sinn Fein perspective is put Martin McGuinness to deal with the international body on decommissioning. Martin will be meeting with de Chastelain this week. What we can do is to use our influence. We'll certainly do that. But I can tell you I'd be misleading you if I said anything else. It's impossible, just impossible to get the IRA to decommission anything. (S)

Secondly, and this is in terms of where I'm coming from, we signed up for the Good Friday agreement, and you and I spoke on this, and we did this in good faith. We turned the organization around, worked and campaigned on the referendum, and then we fought the elections, and for the implementation, and all of that. This is almost just a renegotiation. David Trimble should be meeting with me anyway. This is the decent, polite, cordial, leaderly thing to do. (S)

It's been almost four-to-five years since the first visa you gave me, either in 1993 or 1994, I forget. If it was in my gift

to do any more than I'm doing, I'd do it. We're still all the time trying to move it forward. I understand the awfulness in Omagh. I don't want to see it again. I hope it doesn't happen again. This whole business with the IRA having to give up weapons, they just won't do it. If it were possible to do this by subterfuge or deceit, we'd end up with two to three dissident groups, instead of remnants of one. That is what it's all about. We certainly will work with the international body if it works out some ingenious plan. (S)

The President: Aren't you going to have to do something on this sooner or later? (S)

Mr. Adams: What we are committed to do on this is to use our influence to bring it about, but in a two-year span. David Trimble has yet to say a word to me. It doesn't matter, but of course you want to make friends, political partnerships with somebody, and I want to show the guy that our politics can be better. (S)

The fact is that people are not being given their place, and the silliness is this: the UUP met with the Sinn Fein party and the business community and the Assembly, met with us, and senior members of the leadership of all the other parties, including Sinn Fein. It's just the Unionists. I understand David Trimble has problems, but I cannot solve his problems. (S)

It's about quality, righting wrongs, giving people a place on their own terms. It's about giving Unionists, as well as ourselves, a say. Now four or five years on, after decades of conflicts, to have this silliness raised again. I tell you, in my view, what I saw on the streets in Omagh, all those people wanted politicians to talk, to come together and be honest in their dialogue. This is going against the tide of what I believe most people want. That's the big difficulty. (S)

The IRA wasn't defeated in August 1994. It's unrealistic to expect it, or for me to undermine my own position; and get it to do what it wouldn't do under Major. All the other stuff is within Sinn Fein's gift to negotiate and sign the agreement, but the one of getting the IRA to decommission is impossible. (S)

This repressive legislation, you know, all that stuff on the back of the bombing in Omagh, the killings in Omagh, is causing all kinds of difficulties. I think the government's intentions are okay, but I don't know what a change of administration would bring, or even implementation by "securi-crats." I think the

government is very conscious of that, because they're talking about it very specifically, and they know it runs against human rights charters and the human rights elements of the agreement. I've told Tony this, and Bertie knows it anyway. He has a historical and political sense of this. I also think in terms of Trimble, that he knows it as well. I know that in his heart of hearts he doesn't want this thing to break down. But what happens in any political system is that people talk. (C)

The President: I just don't know how we get over an issue I thought we dealt with in a way that allowed the political process to flow, trust to be developed, and accommodations to be explored. I'm quite prepared to take as many risks as necessary, but the realpolitik is that you can only do what you can do. That is my clear understanding of the situation. I tried painfully, but it isn't going to go. (C)

What I don't understand is that they must have some obsolete weapons. The political position of the Sinn Fein and the supporters within the IRA of the peace process would be dramatically strengthened, not only in Northern Ireland, but also in the rest of the world. If you immediately got into the executive branch, and before that have a person-to-person meeting. I agree with you, I've never understood the significance of the person-to-person meeting, but like it or not, it would be viewed as a big victory for you. (C)

Mr. Adams: The difficulty is that the Good Friday agreement gives the IRA, along with all the other parties, certain entitlements, but more important than that, it gives those we represent, including those most discriminated against and excluded in the last 70-80 years, it would give all those people the very things we are now talking about, a place in the Assembly, and if we got a big enough mandate, a seat in the executive. We turned our organization upside down, we called an extraordinary party conference, and we ran the length of this country knocking heads and cajoling. We brought a huge amount of people with us. We got a very substantial vote. Sinn Fein was the only party that increased its vote in the elections. (C)

The President: Yes, you did very well. (C)

Mr. Adams: We've cleared all the hurdles, and Mr. Blair, as well as the Taoiseach, can see this clearly. They've explained, and I understand that, without the Unionists, there's not much possibility of progress. But as far as the agreement, the sense

of justice and equality, is concerned, the people we represent deserve to have positions in the government, as we talked to and listened to representatives from the other parties. (C)

See, let me tell you things that, obviously from your understanding and your involvement, you're very clear about. This conflict arises from the absence of justice, and in terms of bringing about justice, and all the people live free from British rule. I'm committed to working at it peacefully. I have to persuade the people who legitimately used armed resistance, who have given us a chance, that there is some alternative. And say to them, look, it isn't a united Ireland, it's not all you fought for, died for, and went to prison for, but at least it allows us to get there without more people getting killed. (C)

There are six armed groups involved in this. Now the British have remilitarized. They have put millions of pounds into building army barracks. They have built watchtowers. The house, not the one I'm calling you from, but the one I live in, is overlooked by watchtowers. The house we met in is now overlooked by watchtowers. The borders are ringed by watchtowers. (C)

Even before the obscenity of Omagh, there were three children killed. You had 300 Catholic families evicted. The Orange boys wanted to march on the Garvaghy Road. We need to get further up the road. This is the most heavily policed state in Western Europe. All of that is in the equation. I hope when you come you'll meet victims of violence of British terrorism, as well as those of IRA and loyalist terrorism. (C)

The sense of all this is that conflict is ended in one of two ways: by one side beating the other, or by negotiation. I want to see us ending this with negotiation. We haven't done so badly so far; incidentally, it is very much, due to the input you've had in terms of initiatives and U.S. consistent involvement and encouragement. Five to six years ago, people could never have conceived where we would be now; I'm trying to take a 10-year view. (C)

In five years' time, I want to have all the armed groups and weapons out, have people living in a normal society, and the children of my generation will have children and grandchildren [gap]. (C)

The President: Why wouldn't that be aided by the quickest possible meeting between you and Trimble, and the quickest possible entry of Sinn Fein into the executive? (e)

Mr. Adams: Of course it would be. Trimble agreed, Tony Blair agreed, everyone agreed that the Sinn Fein would be in the executive. (e)

The President: I thought it was also agreed about decommissioning. The synchronization wasn't worked out. I can't understand why something that would not undermine the actual power of the IRA would undercut the agreement; it facilitates it. (e)

Mr. Adams: The agreement was that all the parties would work with the international body, and use their influence to bring about decommissioning. I negotiated it; that's what we did. First of all, the IRA won't do it at this time, leaving aside the agreement clearly states there is no precondition, or hurdle or block or commitment, for anyone to do any decommissioning at this point in the process. (e)

I'm trying to make the politics work to prove to armed groups that there is an alternative. That's what David signed up for, that's what everyone else and I signed up for. Get the referendum, and get into the Assembly and executive, and move the process forward, it's very, very clear about that. (e)

Sinn Fein is totally both in spirit and letter of the agreement, when we insist upon our people having their entitlement, with all other people as well. Tony Blair will tell you that, Bertie Ahern will, too. Both understand that totally. They wouldn't make an issue, because I think they recognize that the biggest thing is that the IRA has put its guns away, and that this issue must be dealt with. (e)

I think Bertie Ahern understands historically, from the Irish perspective especially, that even to expect the IRA to decommission for Trimble to talk to me, because all of that is with some other party, with de Chastelain, the IRA would see it as a surrender and vindication of the Unionists' position, and as totally contrary to what we have been involved in and seeking to persuade them to support. (e)

The President: So where are we? (e)

Mr. Adams: Where I see we're at is at the need to implement the agreement across the range of clauses. To move into the Assembly, and for David Trimble to recognize, and for me to recognize -- we've worked this out with Bertie Ahern and Tony Blair -- to satisfy David Trimble, I'm prepared to get Martin McGuinness to move forward and deal with de Chastelain, to appoint Martin to that position, for Martin to meet with and work with the decommissioning body trying to resolve all of these. (S)

I'm quite prepared to meet with David Trimble, despite my reservations about his intentions. My understanding is that you meet with and talk with people. The only thing I cannot do is get the IRA at this time to do anything with their weapons or explosives, except keep them out of use. I'll tell you my feeling, and it should be kept confidential, the British government knows it, I've made all sorts of private little initiatives to people whom I trust, to talk to David Trimble. It's my clear understanding that he himself appreciates that the decommissioning demand is an albatross that broke the whole thing down two to three years ago. I'm prepared to push and shove people to get together. (S)

I will talk to Mr. Blair and the Taoiseach in the morning. I think we will get some agreement on words, which is unnecessary, but what I think is important is to reach out, and it is important for the governments, and friends of the process like yourself, to focus on the need for the agreement to be implemented across the entire range of issues. (S)

The President: Well, I just don't know. If we don't get to the meeting point, we won't get very far. I'm afraid if you take one issue off the table the others will start collapsing. (S)

Mr. Adams: It was me who told the Taoiseach and the Prime Minister to get an A-B-C, a little process, a step-by-step to get all of us from here to the next place, but I can only do what I can do. I cannot get an organization that has done what it was obliged to do, to try to bring peace to this country, to create the space for the rest of us to build. (S)

Repeatedly there have been efforts to move it, and it has been insistent, as have all the other armed groups, that it has maintained the association, that it is up to us to implement the Good Friday agreement. Trimble is in breach of it; Tony will be in breach of it if he doesn't move it to where it should be moved. Tactically this is the only way to get armed groups to

disappear into the background, once you put in place an alternative, an organic process for justice and equality. The Unionists are still playing tag on the issue, which undermines my position, and they know that. So I think it's a matter of doing what we signed up to do, in the spirit and the letter.

(e)

The President: Hmmm. (U)

Mr. Adams: I mean it's going to be ridiculous if you're here, and I can put up as many reasons not to talk to David Trimble as he's put up excuses why he won't talk to me. The issue is that he's the First Minister. Stormont is the very place that is the symbol of apartheid. Even the fact that we're here and recognizing that David Trimble as the First Minister, given David's baggage, is huge for Republicans. People here certainly have a sense of that. And for us to be in one room, while you're speaking or receiving you, for David not to talk to me is madness again, it's crazy. It's back to what you were saying in Washington. Since the last time when you were here, no concession to your opponents, and all of that. (e)

The President: I just want to figure out how coming there is going to help something. I'm trying to push something forward, and I'm kind of worried about it. (e)

Mr. Adams: Well, it's my conviction we're going to get there, to a peace settlement, and obviously everyone coming from different positions has uncertainties about it. One thing that marks us as different from the Unionists is that we want change, maximum change. They're afraid of change. They're fairly conservative and see change as a disadvantage. (e)

I think Trimble intellectually understands there needs to be change, but he is going for the minimalist approach. He's a Unionist and wants to do the best by his own supporters. The Unionists are concerned about the sort of change needed. I think that, in the context of your visit, it would be of crucial importance that your coming here as the U.S. President acts as a catalyst for the process. (e)

The difference is that this British Prime Minister is much more progressive on this issue than his predecessor. He wants to move it forward, while the other man, even for managerial reasons, couldn't do so. And I think, if it isn't impertinent for me to say it, I think your public comments have to embrace, as far as you can, progress across the issues: justice, rights,

need for young people to be cherished on the basis of equality.
(C)

The reality is that you're coming to a partitioned island of only five million people, with the British government claiming jurisdiction over this part. The whole cultural, social, and economic dimension, and the militaristic dimension. Beatings, army camps, road checks, British Army patrols in neighborhoods, a whole range of prisoners, and the whole range of problems that need to be dealt with, before you deal with the constitutional issue. And of course, decommissioning is one of them. (C)

The key is, and I made the point but I didn't recognize the significance during the Garvaghy Road business, that in Little Rock, Arkansas, the governor of the state refused to implement the integration order. The President at that time, Eisenhower I think, or perhaps Kennedy, had to send in federal troops, which is exactly what is happening, and what is required, here. And in Garvaghy Road they had to send troops on almost the same basis, and all of that has to be fine-tuned into what's required so that we can move forward, and we have substantially, not withstanding the setbacks. (C)

A willingness to get around the table, and look around, dealing with every issue, not as preconditions, but as issues to be resolved; that's what you can bring. You can bring an American sense of fair play, equity, and justice. I think that's what the vast majority of people on this island want. The party apparatchiks may want something different. The ordinary people want this dealt with; they want justice, they want peace; they want this sorted out, worked out. People everywhere here want that, including many of the Unionists I talked to in Omagh, in the midst of that grief. They don't want these things to happen again. And they also recognize that when their own Unionist government was in power, it did all sorts of wrong things, too. There's no easy way; we have to persist and persevere, and be generous and good hearted, and try to see it from the other guy's point of view, and try to make progress. (C)

The President: All right, I'll see what I can do. I'll check with Tony and Bertie. (C)

Mr. Adams: And if you or Sandy or Jim could get back in touch with me before your visit, if there's any activity, I might have some ideas. (C)

The President: Okay, we'll get back on it, and we'll be in touch. (C)

Mr. Adams: Okay, Mr. President. (U)

The President: Goodbye. (U)

Mr. Adams: Goodbye. (U)

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Mr. Adams: Let me first say that in terms of the steps that Taoiseach and Tony Blair are working on, we have cooperated with them, and have made positive suggestions related to this. The one thing we cannot deliver is IRA decommissioning. (S)

Mr. Adams: Did you hear my dog in the background? (U)

The President: Yes. I have one, too. (U)

Mr. Adams: He hasn't seen me in a while. He's at the window shouting. (U)

I've told Bertie ^{gains} and Tony this, and we battled back and forth on this. What we're ^{gains} doing to do from the Sinn Fein perspective is put Martin McGuinness to deal with the international body on decommissioning. Martin will be meeting with de Chastelain this week. What we can do is to use our influence. We'll certainly do that. But I can tell you I'd be misleading you if I said anything else. It's impossible, just impossible to get the IRA to decommission anything. (S)

Secondly, and this is in terms of where I'm coming from, we signed up for the Good Friday agreement, and you and I spoke on this, and we did this in good faith. We turned the organization around, worked and campaigned on the referendum, and then we fought the elections, and for the implementation, and all of that. This is almost just a renegotiation. David Trimble should be meeting with me anyway. This is the decent, polite, cordial, leaderly thing to do. (S)

It's been almost four-to-five years since the first visa you gave me, either in 1993 or 1994, I forget. If it was in my gift

to do any more than I'm doing, I'd do it. We're still all the time trying to move it forward. I understand the awfulness in Omagh. I don't want to see it again. I hope it doesn't happen again. This whole business with the IRA having to give up weapons, they just won't do it. If it were possible to do this by subterfuge or deceit, we'd end up with two to three dissident groups, instead of remnants of one. That is what it's all about. We certainly will work with the international body if it works out some ingenious plan. (e)

The President: Aren't you going to have to do something on this sooner or later? (e)

Mr. Adams: What we are committed to do on this is to use our influence to bring it about, but in a two-year span. David Trimble has yet to say a word to me. It doesn't matter, but of course you want to make friends, political partnerships with somebody, and I want to show the guy that our politics can be better. (e)

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The IRA wasn't defeated in August 1994. It's unrealistic to expect it, or for me to undermine my own position; and get it to do what it wouldn't do under Major. All the other stuff is within Sinn Fein's gift to negotiate and sign the agreement, but the one of getting the IRA to decommission is impossible. (e)

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FROM: RICHARD NORLAND *RN*

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RECOMMENDATION

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM J. BURNS
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Telephone Conversation Between the
President and Prime Minister Ahern of Ireland (C)

The attached Memorandum of Telephone Conversation between the President and Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern is provided for the information of the Secretary of State. It must be distributed via NODIS channels and not below the Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) level. It may also be sent to our embassy in Dublin for the Ambassador and/or Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) only. (C)

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Glyn T. Davies
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Ahern

Notetakers: Marianna Papadimitriou, Jim
Smith, Marc Koehler, Jeff Rathke, Wylma
Robinson, Mary Ann Peters

DATE, TIME July 15, 1997, 11:46 - 11:52 a.m.
AND PLACE: The Oval Office

The President: Hello, Taoiseach? (U)

Prime Minister Ahern: It's me. (U)

The President: It's Bill Clinton, how are you? Congratulations.
(U)

Prime Minister Ahern: I'm fine and thank you very much. It's
very nice to talk to you. How is everything going for you? (U)

The President: Everything is going fine for us here, I just got
back from my trip to Europe with the NATO group. (U)

Prime Minister Ahern: All went well? (U)

The President: Yes, it went well. I had a brief opportunity to
speak to Blair about what you are trying to do together on
Northern Ireland. I wanted to call and let you know I am
committed to supporting your efforts. (U)

Prime Minister Ahern: I really appreciate that and, needless to
say, thank you for your close interest and engagement. As you
know from your visit here, we continue to try to get back to the
peace process and get momentum into it. Decommissioning is the
key issue. We have agreed to a joint paper over the last few
weeks and today we made more progress with London on trying to
move that forward. We've set ourselves a fairly tight timetable,
and are working to get it all out of the way so that by the end

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of July when we all break for holiday, if we get a ceasefire we can actually have talks on September 15. There are a lot of problems, a lot of troubles, a lot of ways it could go right or wrong. But at least the two governments are working well together and, with all your assistance, we are in as good a position as we've been in for the last year and a half. Whether it will be good enough, we don't yet know. (C)

The President: We will do our best. I know the decommissioning issue is the key and Sandy Berger, my National Security Advisor, is going to call Trimble this week to urge him to move the talks into substance. We have always taken the position that talks that include Sinn Fein have the best chance of long-term success. But eventually they will have to declare a ceasefire. What do you think the chances of a ceasefire are? (C)

Prime Minister Ahern: I think it is probably back to being fairly good, providing we stick to the Mitchell report. Any drift or attempt to make decommissioning mandatory, not voluntary, will fail. No matter what you or I say, it won't work. The Loyalists and the Republicans will say that if decommissioning is not voluntary, as part of the process, they will pull away from it. But if we can get over that and get Trimble on board and hold the line on the voluntary aspect of the Mitchell report, then the chances of a ceasefire are not bad. We've given clarifications to Sinn Fein, as have the British. We've both done it. If you ask me to put it on the 50-50 line, I would put it on the right side of 50 rather than the wrong side of 50. What is required is that the decommissioning issue not knock this off. On most of the other issues, such as prisoners, and the confidence issues, these are fairly well out of the way. (C)

The President: That's the best news I've heard in a while. (U)

Prime Minister Ahern: I don't want to simplify and say it is a one-item agenda, but there is only one big item -- decommissioning. On the other ones, we have an understanding with Sinn Fein not to create difficulties. So if we can just move it forward that little bit. All your people have been very, very helpful; we appreciate what they have been doing. There were a few hairy weeks there. And poor old George Mitchell -- he is a great friend of mine, but he has more patience than anyone I know. (C)

The President: Well, he is well trained for that. He had to work with the U.S. Senate, where they can talk things to death. But he's a good man. (C)

Prime Minister Ahern: He is. We really appreciate you sending him to us, because anyone else would have jumped out of the

window or gone home by now. At least the British Government has fixed the terms of moving into a three-strand process by September 15 and set a May deadline. We may not make that, but at least there are parameters that weren't there before, and that is extremely helpful. (S)

The President: Well, you take care of yourself. (U)

Prime Minister Ahern: I certainly will, Mr. President. (U)

The President: Let me know if there is anything we can do. You can call me anytime, and our people are in touch all the time. I feel hopeful, with the energy you and Blair have put into this, that we have a shot here. We want to be a constructive force. (S)

Prime Minister Ahern: Well, I certainly look forward to working with you because you have given us a good start. I appreciate all the chances you have taken along the way, because, quite frankly, I worked with Reynolds a number of years ago at the start of the process and we would never have managed to do it on our own because of all the distrust. We have our people working together now and if we can just get Trimble not to try to get everything written in stone, we can actually get into talks. If he demands too much it will just make it impossible. Other than that we can work on it. (S)

The President: Well, we'll work on it. (S)

Prime Minister Ahern: It's a great honor to talk to you. I look forward to seeing you soon. (U)

The President: Bye. (U)

Prime Minister Ahern: Bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

July 18, 1997

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THROUGH: ALEXANDER VERSHBOW *AV*

FROM: MARY ANN PETERS *MAP*

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Telephone Conversation with Prime Minister Ahern of Ireland

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RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I transmitting the Memorandum of Telephone Conversation to the Department of State.

That the attached Memorandum of Telephone Conversation of the meeting be filed for the record.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL BERGER

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FROM: GLYN T. DAVIES

SUBJECT: Telcon with Irish Prime Minister Ahern on
February 12, 1998

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between the President and Prime Minister Ahern.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached Memorandum of Telephone Conversation be filed
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Tab A Memorandum of Telephone Conversation

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telecon with Irish Prime Minister Ahern

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Ahern

Notetaker: Larry Wright, Robert Ford, David Higgins, George Chastain, Jim Smith

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: February 12, 1998, 6:08-6:15 p.m. EST
Oval Office

The President: Hello?

Prime Minister Ahern: Hello?

The President: Bertie?

Prime Minister Ahern: President, how are you?

The President: Well, we have a little problem, don't we?

Prime Minister Ahern: Well, it...

The President: I talked to Tony Blair, and my role is to support you guys and use leverage to help you with Sinn Fein and keep the Unionists in a fairly sensible frame of mind. I don't want to leave Tony hanging out there. If you two can have a common position, it would be easier for me to support it. However, this puts you in a pickle, but Tony is convinced the IRA did this.

Prime Minister Ahern: I have to be honest. It looks like they were part of it, but I don't think it was directed by the political leadership, but it seems they sanctioned it. Nine Catholics have been killed, and they got the right guys. However, in reality, it was wrong to do it.

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Prime Minister Ahern: I have my guy out tonight talking to them. I think their reaction will be very hostile because they will talk about their electorate mandate. The reality is that we have to be consistent. Two weeks ago, the Protestants were involved in killing. Since we threw out one crowd, we can't ignore hard facts about another group. If they would accept getting out, we could still talk to them outside about getting them back rather quickly. If they get all difficult, it could get messy.

The President: Yeah.

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The President: Well,...

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PARTICIPANTS: THE PRESIDENT
IRISH PRIME MINISTER AHERN

LOCATION: OVAL OFFICE

NOTE TAKERS: LARRY WRIGHT, ROBERT FORD, DAVID HIGGINS,
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April 17, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR MS. KRISTIE A. KENNEY
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Telephone Conversation with Irish
Prime Minister Ahern (U)

The attached Memorandum of Telephone Conversation between the President and Prime Minister Ahern is provided for the information of the Secretary of State. It must be distributed via NODIS channels and not below the Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) level. It may also be sent to our embassy in Ireland for the Ambassador and/or Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) only. (S)


FOR: Glyn T. Davies
Executive Secretary

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Tab A Memorandum of Telephone Conversation

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Irish Prime Minister Bertie
Ahern (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Prime Minister Ahern

Notetakers: Larry Wright, Bonnie Glick,
Tom Crowell, David Higgins, Jim Smith and
Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME April 7, 1998, 9:49 - 9:52 a.m. EST
AND PLACE: Air Force One

The President: Bertie? (U)

Prime Minister Ahern: How are you? (U)

The President: I am alright. I just called to say that I'm
sorry about your mother's death. (U)

Prime Minister Ahern: I appreciate that a lot. (U)

The President: She would be very proud of you. (U)

Prime Minister Ahern: Thank you very much. How are you
keeping? (U)

The President: I'm fine. I talked to Tony Blair on Sunday
about the marathon meeting. How is Mitchell's paper going down?
(C)

Prime Minister Ahern: I think fairly good. Sinn Fein has made
some points that aren't too bad, but Trimble has been fairly
difficult all morning. I've been talking to him and Tony is
going to meet him tonight in Belfast. I hope to go to Belfast

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tomorrow, but the most negative person at the moment is Trimble.
(S)

The President: Yes, the press is reporting that. Is there anything I can do? (S)

Prime Minister Ahern: Not yet. Trimble wants some language clarified. Some issues are more fundamental. I just think we need to narrow it down to see where he is really at. When we get a handle on that, we'll let your office know. (S)

The President: I will be available as soon as you need me. You are doing very good work. (S)

Prime Minister Ahern: We'll do our very best, Mr. President, over the next few days. Unless Trimble is very disagreeable, the text is basically agreed between Tony Blair and me. It's a question of how difficult he gets. Let's see if we can narrow it down from a dozen to a few issues. (S)

The President: Well, I'll be watching and waiting. (S)

Prime Minister Ahern: We'll keep in touch. You had a very successful trip over the past ten days. (U)

The President: Yes, it was great. Have you ever been to Africa? (U)

Prime Minister Ahern: No. I've never been there, but it was on television here all the time. I watched all your moves. It was very successful for you. (U)

The President: It was quite wonderful. (U)

Prime Minister Ahern: Listen, we'll keep in touch over the next few days. I appreciate your remembering my mam. (U)

The President: Thanks, Bertie. (U)

Prime Minister Ahern: Bye (U)

The President: Bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: DONALD K. BANDLER

FROM: LAWRENCE BUTLER

SUBJECT: Telcon with Irish Prime Minister Ahern on
April 7, 1998

Attached at Tab A is the Memorandum of Telephone Conversation between the President and Prime Minister Ahern which took place on April 7, 1998.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That you authorize Glyn Davies to transmit the Memorandum of Telephone Conversation at Tab A to State.

Approve Disapprove

That the attached Memorandum of Telephone Conversation be filed for the record.

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Taoiseach Bertie Ahern of Ireland
(U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Taoiseach Bertie Ahern

Notetakers: Douglas Bayley, Robin Rickard,
Don Cheramie, Don Gentile, Robert Williams
and Dick Norland

DATE, TIME February 10, 2000, 4:41-4:51 p.m. EST
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President: Hello. (U)

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

The President: Working hard trying to get things done. How are
you? (U)

Prime Minister Ahern: We're down to the wire once again. We
should know within three hours whether the IRA will accept what
has been worked out. They should have given us an answer by now,
but they're meeting three hours from now in Belfast. Three hours
from now we should know the result. If the wording that was
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would be given to De Chastelain and he would make that part of it
public. Then it would be given to Adams and Trimble first thing
in the morning. There's still a chance on that, Bill, but if it
doesn't work out we have to look at suspension and a date on
suspension so that there isn't an indefinite suspension. (S)

The President: If there's a suspension, how would we get it
going again? (S)

Prime Minister Ahern: That's our big concern. One thing not
public yet is my legal advice. As you know, we have changed our
constitution to allow the north to take away the constitutional
link between north and south. My legal advice said there is no
legal grounds for the British government to have a suspension,
because even though the IRA and Sein Fein have not done

everything we wanted them to do, they are not in breach of the Good Friday Agreement. If it were challenged in the Irish courts, very likely our people would rule that suspension is not lawful. I cannot formally agree to suspension. If there were no suspension -- say if this arrangement tonight doesn't work and there is no suspension -- after 3:00 p.m. tomorrow when Commons closes, I understand from Tony that, if they haven't put down the suspension order effective 12 midnight Friday night, then the Chairman of Trimble's party would then say that he is legally bound to enforce written regulations that would mean that Trimble would have to resign and go to party conference, where he wouldn't win on Saturday. It's a real dilemma. If I don't go along, at least tacitly, I throw Trimble overboard. Neither is very positive. (S)

The President: We've done everything we know how to do with Sinn Fein. I don't think it would do any good to make a public appeal to the IRA, do you? (S)

Prime Minister Ahern: No. What they asked my officials to do, Bill, nobody knows this, is that at 11:00 p.m. tonight, my three senior officials in Belfast are going to be brought to a house, destination unknown, and meet with someone who will give them an answer. I have no option but to tell my people to go to the house. (S)

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Prime Minister Ahern: I'm going to have to take the chance. (S)

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The President: Well thanks. (U)

Prime Minister Ahern: Thanks. You are a decent man, Bill. God bless. (U)

The President: Bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

February 14, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: ANTONY BLINKEN (AB) *(circled)*

FROM: RICHARD NORLAND *ky*

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Telephone Conversation with Prime Minister Bertie Ahern of Ireland

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RECOMMENDATION

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Tab A Telcon with Prime Minister Ahern

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER 
THROUGH: DONALD K. BANDLER 
FROM: LAWRENCE BUTLER 
SUBJECT: Telcon with John Hume on October 16, 1998

Attached at Tab A is the Memorandum of Telephone Conversation between the President and John Hume that took place on October 16, 1998.

RECOMMENDATION

That the attached Memorandum of Telephone Conversation be filed for the record.

Approve 

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Tab A Memorandum of Telephone Conversation

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with John Hume, Social Democratic and Labour Party Leader (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
John Hume

Notetakers: Doug Bayley, Robert Ford,
Jenny McGee, Matt Sibley and Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME October 16, 1998, 6:24 - 6:25 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: Air Force One

Mr. Hume: Hello? (U)

The President: John? (U)

Mr. Hume: Yes, Mr. President, how are you doing? (U)

The President: I just called to say congratulations. I couldn't be happier for anyone. It's wonderful. (U)

Mr. Hume: Thank you. I appreciate it very much. I've just done PBS and am about to do CNN. Thanks to the people of America for giving us yourself as President for the outstanding work you've done for peace in our country. (U)

The President: Well, I've loved every day of it. I was just ecstatic today. I'm so happy for you. (U)

Mr. Hume: I appreciate your calling me. And all the best to yourself. (U)

The President: Me, too. I'll stay on top of it here. If you need me to do anything, let me know. (U)

Mr. Hume: All the best, Mr. President. God bless and thank you. (U)

The President: Goodbye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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July 6, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR MS. KRISTIE A. KENNEY
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Memoranda of Telephone Conversations with David
Trimble and John Hume (U)

The attached Memoranda of Telephone Conversations between the President and David Trimble and John Hume are provided for the information of the Secretary of State. They must be distributed via NODIS channels and not below the Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) level. They may also be sent to our embassy in London for the Ambassador and/or Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) only. (S)

Glyn T. Davies
FOR: Glyn T. Davies
Executive Secretary

Attachments

Tab A Telcon with David Trimble
Tab B Telcon with John Hume

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Ulster Unionist Party Leader
David Trimble (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
David Trimble

Notetakers: Lyle Harrison, Jeff Rathke,
Mariana Papadimitriou, Bonnie Glick and
Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME July 1, 1998, 7:22 - 7:28 a.m. EDT
AND PLACE: Shanghai, China

The President: David? (U)

Mr. Trimble: Yes, it is me. (U)

The President: How are you? (U)

Mr. Trimble: It could be worse, but as they say, at least the
sun is shining. (U)

The President: Have you been elected yet? (U)

Mr. Trimble: No, they haven't started and won't start until
this afternoon; it's 12:25 and we start at 2. I don't know how
this afternoon will go, the whole Drumcree business is
overshadowing everything. (U)

The President: What would be the best resolution there? (U)

Mr. Trimble: It would have to be in the short term, because a
long term solution is not in sight. But in the short term, it
would be a dignified procession and a dignified protest with no
violence. (U)

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The President: But they would get to go on the route they want? (e)

Mr. Trimble: Yeah, if the (nationalists) want to mark their displeasure by having a dignified protest, that's fine. Each side will preserve its position. There is some support among the nationalists as well, and the Irish government is doing what it can to help. (e)

The President: What can I do to help? (e)

Mr. Trimble: If you could speak to Gerry Adams, because he can resolve the matter almost at will, that would be very helpful. We are also asking John Hume to act as a mediator on the matter. (e)

The President: That would be very helpful. Some of these guys are so happy they won that Parades Commission decision, but are harder than Adams. We will do what we can. (e)

I just wanted to check in with you. I was thrilled by the election and it ended up very well with you. After you said you wouldn't have won a Westminster election. (e)

Mr. Trimble: Well, mind you, if it had been a Westminster election, my majority would have been 300. Unionist anti-votes were spread among three different parties, and the whole thing was a "skin of the teeth" operation. (e)

The President: I think you're well on the way. Will you be able to hold the right coalition together? (e)

Mr. Trimble: Yes, I think so. I've thought we were going to do it at each stage, but the margins are always narrower than I'd like. (e)

The President: Is John Hume going to be the deputy minister? (e)

Mr. Trimble: We are waiting to hear from the SDLP, they are in conclave. I very much hope it will be John, not that there is any problem with Seamus. I just think it looks better with the two leaders. (e)

The President: I agree with that. I've heard rumblings that people say he shouldn't get involved in day-to-day business, but that's what he's been working on for all these years. You can't

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just say you don't want to be there to do all the hard work.

(S)

Mr. Trimble: Oh, no. That's what people said to me. It sends the wrong signal showing that you're not committed to the institutions. (S)

The President: I'll see what I can do with this Drumcree business. I want you to know I'll do what I can this afternoon. I just wanted to call and tell you I was thinking about you today. (S)

Mr. Trimble: As always, your interest is very much appreciated.

(S)

The President: Well, we will nose around on this side and see what we can do. (S)

Mr. Trimble: Thank you very much. Cheers. (U)

The President: Bye bye. (U)

-- End of Conversation --

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Social Democratic and Labour
Party Leader John Hume (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
John Hume

Notetakers: Lyle Harrison, Mariana
Papadimitriou, Jeff Rathke, Bonnie Glick
and Lawrence Butler

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: July 1, 1998, 7:30 - 7:35 a.m. EDT
Shanghai, China

The President: John, how are you? (U)

John Hume: I'm in good form, we had a good result. (U)

The President: You sure as hell did, you did great. (U)

John Hume: Yes, we got the highest vote ever for our party.
(U)

The President: And there was some concern that you might not
because of all the work you did to bring in Sinn Fein, but they
got some nice votes too. (U)

John Hume: Yes they did. In fact, the overall vote on both
sides went up, ours and theirs. (U)

The President: I liked it, I thought it was good. Are you
going to take the Deputy First Minister job today? (U)

John Hume: That's coming up this afternoon. I'm not going to
take it, but I'm going to nominate one of my colleagues. I'm
overworked, you see. I'm in the European Parliament as well;
it's overloading and I'm having a bit of health problems because
of overwork. So I've decided to nominate one of my colleagues.
No one knows this yet. (U)

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The President: Do you think it will be ok? Do you think he'll do all right? (C)

John Hume: Oh yes. I'll still be heavily involved as leader of the party because we will have four representatives of the party in the new government, and the unionists will have the same. (C)

The President: What are we going to do about the parade Sunday? (C)

John Hume: That's a problem I'll be discussing it with David Trimble this afternoon. He is under a lot of pressure over it, you know. (C)

The President: I know and he's worried. I think he wants a compromise and he thinks Gerry Adams can get it for him. He thinks the Irish government is amenable to it -- with some compromise where the residents agree to let them take the old route, and the marchers endure the protests as part of... (C)

John Hume: That is a very dangerous county. If the march took place, tensions would be quite impossible, you know. I was hoping to meet privately; I suggested to meet privately and talk to the Orange Order directly. I had a proposal that I thought could have been helpful, but they didn't arrange it. I'm still willing to talk. I'd make the declaration that everybody has the right and they exercise rights and responsibility. The Orange Order recognizes that march opponents oppose it because it is perceived as triumphalist. The Orange Order would exercise their right and say, "this year we won't march, to prove we are not triumphalist, but we'll march next year". That was the idea, but then the Parades Commission banned the march; that made it difficult for me. I'm going to talk to Trimble today to see what we can do to help. (C)

The President: Well, if you think there is anything I can do to help, let me know. We'll be glad to do it -- this is the first big test for you and the common policy ought to be... (C)

John Hume: We're doing our best, thanks for your offer. And well done in China. (U)

The President: Thank you, it's coming along ok. (U)

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John Hume: You've gotten marvelous coverage out here in this part of the world anyway. (U)

The President: Thanks, I'm glad I came, it's a great thing. You take care now. (U)

John Hume: Ok, and listen, thanks again for everything. (U)

The President: Alright, thanks John. Goodbye. (U)

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THROUGH: DONALD K. BANDLER ✓

FROM: LAWRENCE BUTLER ✓

SUBJECT: Telcons with David Trimble and John Hume, July 1, 1998

Attached at Tabs A and B are the Memoranda of Telephone Conversations between the President and David Trimble and John Hume which took place on July 1, 1998.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That you authorize Glyn Davies to transmit the Memoranda of Telephone Conversations at Tabs A and B to State.

Approve Disapprove

That the attached Memoranda of Telephone Conversations be filed for the record.

Approve Disapprove

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

FROM: LAWRENCE BUTLER, ACTING

SUBJECT: Telcon with David Trimble on October 16, 1998

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RECOMMENDATION

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Tab A Memorandum of Telephone Conversation

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with David Trimble, Northern Ireland
First Minister

PARTICIPANTS: The President
David Trimble

Notetakers: Marianna Papadimitriou, Doug
Bayley, Matt Sibley, James Smith, Frank
Jarosinski and Larry Butler

DATE, TIME October 16, 1998, 4:10 - 4:12 p.m. EDT
AND PLACE: Chicago, Illinois

The President: David.

Mr. Trimble: Yes.

The President: Congratulations.

Mr. Trimble: Thanks, I'm in a car headed for the Denver
International Airport, so there might be some background noise.

The President: That's all right, I just wanted to call to wish
you well and say congratulations. I am very happy for you.

Mr. Trimble: Jim Lyons asked to be remembered to you. All of
the rest of the car occupants collectively send their greetings
to you.

The President: Tell Lyons to behave.

Mr. Trimble: Jim was excellent. He promised me when we began
this industrial development tour that Denver would be memorable,
and it has been. They're having their first hailstorm of the
season, with hailstones about ½ inch in diameter.

The President: Well, I hear your road show is doing pretty well.

Mr. Trimble: Yes, we had some interest and some really good responses.

The President: I'm so happy for you. I wanted to wish you well. And I'm always here, whenever I can be of help.

Mr. Trimble: We've some helpful signs at home, too. My colleague John Taylor had a good session with de Chastelain on Friday and we are hoping this will lead to something fairly quickly. Although Prime Minister Blair was telling me this morning his information is that they are moving but maybe need a bit more time. I am reasonably comfortable about getting that sorted out.

The President: If there is anything I can do, let me know.

Mr. Trimble: I will, thank you. Goodbye.

The President: Goodbye.

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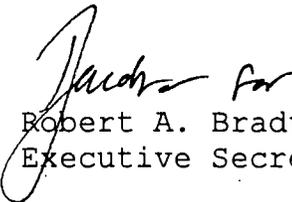
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November 30, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR MS. KRISTIE A. KENNEY
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Telephone Conversation with Ulster
Unionist Party Leader, David Trimble (U)

The attached Memorandum of Telephone Conversation between the President and David Trimble is provided for the information of the Secretary of State. It must be distributed via NODIS channels and not below the Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) level. It may also be sent to our embassies in London and Dublin for the Ambassador and/or Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) and the Consulate in Belfast for the Consul General only. (U)


Robert A. Bradtke
Executive Secretary

Attachment
Tab A Telcon with David Trimble

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Telcon with Ulster Unionist Leader David Trimble (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
UUP Leader David Trimble

NOTETAKERS: Elizabeth Rogers, Robert Williams, Michael Manning, and Richard Norland

DATE, TIME AND PLACE: November 27, 1999, 3:33-3:35 p.m. EST
Camp David, Maryland

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Mr. Trimble: Yes. (U)

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Mr. Trimble: Well, thank you. (U)

The President: I know it's been a tough fight. Now it's up to De Chastelain. The ball is in his court. (U)

Mr. Trimble: Yes, very much so. It's a funny old business. (U)

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Mr. Trimble: It's much appreciated. ~~(C)~~

The President: Have a good night, you deserve it. (U)

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-- End of Conversation --

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER *SB*
THROUGH: ANTONY BLINKEN *(ABS)*
FROM: RICHARD NORLAND *RN*
SUBJECT: Memorandum of Telephone Conversation with David
Trimble, November 27, 1999

Attached at Tab A is the Memorandum of Telephone Conversation between the President and Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble that took place November 27, 1999.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Robert Bradtke to transmit the Memorandum of Telephone Conversation at Tab A to State.

Approve *SB* Disapprove _____

That the attached Memorandum of Telephone Conversation be filed for the record.

Approve *SB* Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to State
Tab A Telcon with David Trimble

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