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TRANSCRIPT OF A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER  
AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON TUESDAY 4 JULY 1979

Prime Minister: Hello, how are you?

President Carter: Just great. I hope you got home safely.

Prime Minister: Yes, very safely, to a lot to do.

President Carter: And did you have a good trip?

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Prime Minister: Very good, no trouble.

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President Carter: That's good. Were you pleased with the outcome of the Summit?

Prime Minister: Yes, I was, but I was a bit appalled at the way in which we got through it. You know I was a bit disillusioned with summitry.....

President Carter ..... personally be involved a little more in the preparation next time the last few days, because we really wasted half a day or maybe a day. There are three things I would like to discuss with you just to kind of summarise what we discussed privately. We're on an open line so I'll be ....

Prime Minister:..... you'll be circumspect.

President Carter: I hope that you can expedite getting me your advice after the visit to Rhodesia because Muzorewa's coming over here shortly and I need to have your .....

Prime Minister: Yes, indeed, I will see to that immediately.

President Carter: OK. Secondly, at the four-party breakfast we discussed the OPEC situation and I need to have some mechanism by which you and I can exchange ideas in a highly confidential way on it, just so you can let me have them - just the mechanism; you might give me your thoughts in a despatch then I'll respond.

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Prime Minister: Right, yes. That shall be done. I think we thought we would only talk to one other person about it. Mine will be Peter Carrington.

President Carter: Can you repeat that please?

Prime Minister: We thought that we'd each of us only talk to one other person in our own. Mine will be Peter Carrington.....

President Carter: ..... I will discuss it with and I presume Lord Carrington with you?

Prime Minister: Yes, that's right.

President Carter: Well, then suppose I let Vance contact Carrington, Lord Carrington.

Prime Minister: Yes. Peter's not yet back because he went to Hong Kong, Delhi and Iraq and he will be returning tomorrow.

President Carter: Well Vance is still in Bali so he'll be a few days. We'll use that mechanism.

Prime Minister: Yes, we will.

President Carter: Thirdly, are you going to send someone out here to exchange letters on the security thing?

Prime Minister: The letter was signed; the person should have exchanged them. If not, I will send someone over. We'll attend to that immediately.

President Carter: OK, well I'll get the letter signed and get it worked out with you through our Foreign Ministers.

Prime Minister: Yes, all right.

President Carter: One other point that I'd like to talk to you briefly about. I've been asked by Senator Kennedy and Chip O'Neill to talk to you briefly about the Northern Ireland question, so that we don't



have another .....

Prime Minister:..... problem, yes.

President Carter:..altercation as we did with Speaker O'Neill and Vance. Do you have, I know in the campaign both you and Jim avoided that issue.

Prime Minister: We wouldn't have it as a Party issue at all. We'd have been wrong to have had it as a Party issue.

President Carter: Do you have any analysis that's been done within your own Party or Government that you might send to me that I could read over just to describe both the present situation and any prospects for the future.

Prime Minister: I will get one prepared and have it sent over. As a matter of fact my next appointment is with Humphrey Atkins, our Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, so that can be done.

President Carter: I don't have any background knowledge about it and just hearing directly from you about the present situation and prospects for the future would help to guide me..... any restraints on it otherwise I would like to share it confidentially with Senator Kennedy and O'Neill.

Prime Minister: Yes, I'll remember than when drafting it. Anything that's confidential to you I will put separately.

President Carter: Good. Well, right, thank you very much. I hope you have time to get some rest.

Prime Minister: It's not allowed to politicians. But it was very interesting I thought. Well, thank you very much for 'phoning. Best wishes. Goodbye.

President Carter: Goodbye

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