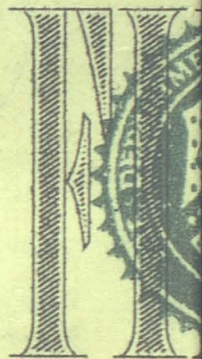




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The relationship between the British prime minister and the American president is a pivotal one. When the two leaders are sympathetic they can form a formidable alliance, as Thatcher and Reagan, Churchill and FDR, proved. Sometimes the bond that joins them is stronger than their party loyalties. British prime ministers especially have had to become accustomed to the idea that the most valuable friendship they possess is with the president—whichever he is.

Tony Blair, uniquely, has had a powerful political alliance with two ideologically opposed American leaders. In the course of his years as prime minister, Blair has at various times pressed the U.S. into action against American popular opinion as well as promising support to Washington in defiance of sentiment at home that threatened his government. One of his most cherished political ambitions when he came to power, to complete Britain's integration into Europe, was undermined by his dedication to supporting George W. Bush's war in Iraq. But Blair never wavered: loyalty to America became the political priority.

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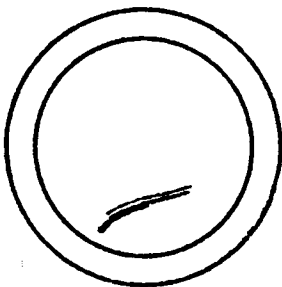




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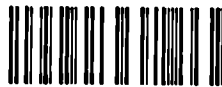
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