ANDREW MARR:
Well, Chuka Umunna is still with me and we’ve been joined as I’d hoped again by Lord Mandelson. I'm not expecting a kind of laying on of hands here or anything, but he is the kind of candidate who is saying the kind of things that you were talking about earlier on.

LORD MANDELSON:
Look, I wish Chuka was sitting her as the Business Secretary because...

CHUKA UMUNNA:
(over) Me too!

LORD MANDELSON:
.. he would have been, you know, building on and taking forward a lot of the things that I believed in and was trying to do when I was in his job, so it is a little way to go but I think he'll get there.
ANDREW MARR:
You both spoke about Scotland, in the wastes of the election night I was talking to Charles Clark, former Home Secretary under Labour, who said he thought that the time had come for the Labour Party in Scotland to detach itself form the Labour Party in the rest of the country, a sister party arrangement, always vote together in Westminster and so forth, but it should be a different kind of party and I wondered what the two of you thought about that.

CHUKA UMUNNA:
Well, I think in some senses we've struggled, because whilst we've made the case and I fundamentally believe we need a new, more federal model in the UK, for a devolved framework in our country, we haven't quite worked out how that operates within the Scottish party, and by the way I think Jim has done an excellent job and in many respects has been given a task I'm not sure anybody...

ANDREW MARR:
(over) Except for the result.

CHUKA UMUNNA:
... would have been able to achieve, but don't forget, I mean, one thing I forgot to say, it isn't just the unity of the UK we're looking at, which is potentially under threat this Parliament, we've also got to make sure that the UK remains a member of the European Union, and I think it's absolutely essential that the Labour Party's at the forefront of that campaign.

ANDREW MARR:
OK, our final thought then with Lord Mandelson, former Commissioner himself. Now, we've always said that David Cameron can't possibly get the deal he wants, many people have, before he comes back to the EU referendum, an incredibly difficult task. Now he possibly could, he's got the authority, he's got the wind at his back, if he strikes now he could get the kind of deal that would persuade the Conservative party to back him in a pro-European referendum, could he not?
LORD MANDELSON:
It depends what he's going to ask for. I mean, if he goes in to those negotiations with an agenda supplied to him by his madcap back-benchers, then he's going to get precisely nowhere. If he goes in with a slightly more intelligent reform agenda, which, by the way, there is a very large constituency of support for across the European Union, then I think he will get somewhere.

ANDREW MARR:
What about the idea of a veto for things that we really think are against our national interests, as it were, a Luxembourg compromise in English.

LORD MANDELSON:
Yes, but do we want to see the French and the Spanish and others doing that too, in vital liberalising reforms that we need for example in the single market? Every country has a veto? That's not a European Union any more.

CHUKA UMUNNA:
I would have to say, Andrew, there are lots of analogies with '92 here, I think the issues and challenges the Prime Minister will face with his back-benchers in this Parliament will make the challenges that John Major faced with the Maastricht rebels look like a complete tea party, and there's an opportunity there.

ANDREW MARR:
Well, if he's watching he'll be shaking his head, we will see. Thank you both very much indeed.

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