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this means that

for 9 June. I am afraid that I have chosen a very inconvenience. 13 date from your point of view since I and other members of the 15 Government, will of course be fully occupied with the Election 16 campaign during your visit. I am sure you will understand that. 17 I know that you are to lunch with The Queen on 8 June 18 and that you have other engagements here. I and Francis Pym will not now be able to make the talks we planned to hold 19 20 with you on 8 June, but I should like to make it clear that we 21 do not wish to discourage you in any way from coming to London, 111 22 even if your programme has to be recast. I hope we will get a 23 chance to meet soon. ENDS 24 25 PYM Catchword NNNN ends BLANK telegram NNNN

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