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PRIME MINISTER ✓

Rhodesia

Lord Carrington is almost certain to find an opportunity this evening to let you know the latest state of play on Rhodesia. But in case he does not do so, you will wish to know that he saw Dr. Mundawarara this evening and left him in no doubt that the proposal that the present Parliament in Salisbury should not be dissolved before midnight on Wednesday of next week would put in jeopardy all the progress which we have made in the Lancaster House negotiations so far. Lord Carrington explained to him the importance of getting Lord Soames in place as Governor on Tuesday: if there was any delay, we should be prevented from sending a Governor until complete agreement had been reached with both sides on all the details of the cease-fire and its implementation, and there was no knowing when this would be.

He then sent Dr. Mundawarara away to try to solve the problem in the course of the night. He told him that he wanted a satisfactory answer in time for a meeting he was having with Lord Soames at 9.00 tomorrow morning.

J.M.

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