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## DR EAMES

I had another word with the Archbishop this evening. I told him that we hoped the exercise would come to fruition around noon tomorrow, though we were saying nothing until it happened.

Eames asked me to "say God speed to John Major".

Eames will be at Lambeth Palace tomorrow morning. I told him that we would get a copy of the Joint Declaration across there, if it was published. He said that the media would be on to him very fast, and that he would need to clear his mind on what to say. I said that it would be enormously helpful, if we succeeded in the exercise, to have some encouraging comments from Eames on the lunch-time news broadcasts.

Eames hopes to be in the House if you make a statement.

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