

PRIME MINISTER



See also the Attorney
General's note below,
reflecting on his comments
at Cabinet last week

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MR. PATTISON

Rhodesian Sanctions: Further Inquiry

When Cabinet discussed last week the question of a further inquiry into the breaking of sanctions against Rhodesia, it was decided to defer a decision until Lord Harlech had returned from Africa, although it was hoped that this might be before this week's Cabinet. The Prime Minister commented on this week's Business Note that she hoped this could be taken tomorrow. In fact, however, Lord Harlech does not now reach Lagos until tomorrow, and is not due back in the United Kingdom until next Friday. I believe that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary remains of the view that it would be better to defer the Cabinet's final decisions until Lord Harlech's report is to hand, even though that means, because of Tokyo, until 5th July.

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