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Papal Service at Canterbury, 29 May

I telephoned Lambeth Palace today to tell the Archbishop's Domestic Chaplain, the Reverend Richard Chartres, about the Prime Minister's decision to attend the Canterbury Service - only to find that he is away (in Moscow) this week. I therefore passed on the news to Bishop Ross Hook instead.

This made it rather awkward because Richard Chartres is handling the arrangements rather than Ross Hook, and had undertaken earlier to consult with me about the inclusion of the Prime Minister's name in any announcement of those who had accepted an invitation to the Service. I therefore impressed upon Bishop Hook that we wanted to be so consulted (in fact, it is unlikely that any announcement will be made until after Richard Chartres returns, except possibly an announcement regarding the Prince of Wales).

Bishop Hook said it would now be appropriate to return the formal RSVP to Canterbury, and perhaps I could leave you to organise this. I mentioned that a Private Secretary (probably me) and a detective would be in the party and that the former, at least, would want a seat. He said that this should be mentioned when replying to the invitation since two extra tickets would need to be issued.

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Spoke Gordon Cawthorne.
He said that two,
possibly three, detectives
would accompany
the P.M., but only
one seat would be
needed.
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