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Prime Minister (Ed. M. S. C.).

I have passed on to the Foreign Secretary's Office a message from the South Africans, received by Col van der Post, to the effect that we should not take Mr Smith's statements too seriously. They believe that they can 'contain' him.

Since Col. van der Post had begun to feel a little out of touch the Foreign Secretary has kindly agreed to give him a briefing on his return from Blackpool on Thursday.

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