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SOUTH AFRICA

As I mentioned to you, Lord Barber said to the Prime Minister before lunch today that the Nigerians had suggested that if they could not meet Mandela they would not take part in the visit to South Africa.

Lord Barber also said, somewhat to the surprise of the Prime Minister, that the Nigerian Minister of External Affairs was reported to be opposed to the whole idea.

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(David Norgrove)

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