

MR BUTLER

LOBBY LINE AT 11.00AM

I cannot at this stage take matters further than last night.

I would not quarrel with the universal conclusion that we are in for a June election.

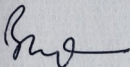
I cannot at this stage help you with the date of an election.

I cannot at this stage rule out anything this week.

Note

My concern about this is if the Prime Minister goes to the Palace this afternoon. I do not wish to be accused of misleading people.

If, in the event of decisive moves today, you can allow me by 11.00am to inject a greater note of immediacy without saying anything specific, I would be happier.



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