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MR. WHITMORE

Sir Robert Armstrong spoke with the Prime Minister at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday. Sir Robert Armstrong said that Peter Rawlinson had been asked by the BBC to appear on Panorama with Robin Day. The Prime Minister's first reaction was certainly not. Robert Armstrong said that he would want to say that the decision to offer immunity to Blunt was not an unreasonable one, given that, it would be nonsense then to alert and disturb other moles by dismissing him and stripping him of his honours. The Prime Minister was worried that he would only be able to say that. If he did an interview he could do it from his home with an outside broadcast unit, on an understanding with Day that he would say only those two things. The Prime Minister wished all the birdies would stop singing. Sir Robert Armstrong asked if Clive had told the Prime Minister about the incident at Charing Cross Hospital concerning Goronwy Rees. The Prime Minister had not heard and Sir Robert Armstrong explained it to her. The Prime Minister was alarmed and astonished. She wondered if it could be coincidental. She was afraid that the story would break to the press..

G. Baldwin, Duty Clerk.

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