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I have spoken to Mr. Westbrook in News Dept (Mr. Fenn is in fact a lease). He was on the point of circulating our defensive brief to all News Dept. desk officers! I have asked him instead to alert his staff to refer to him any queries about Mr. Ridley's presence in Switzerland. Mr. Westbrook will now contact me again so we can decide from here how I should be played.

MR RIDLEY'S VISIT TO GENEVA

1. Mr Ridley has seen your suggested defensive line for use with the press should one be needed. He agrees very strongly with Mr Harding's manuscript minute, that News Department should avoid giving the impression that they have answers too pat, and should in the first instance merely offer to enquire. Mr Ridley believes that News Department should pretend to know nothing about any meeting, and should only initially use points 1 and 2.
2. He has also changed the answer to question 4 to read:

'Mr and Mrs Ridley were on a private holiday. We do not know what they talked about: it was purely a social occasion.'

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