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that in the circumstances the Prime Minister hopes they will not consider it imperative to come to Ottawa for the meeting.

3. At the Prime Minister's direction, the Privy Council Office is having notices sent to the Ministers who have been summoned to the special meeting to inform them that the place of meeting will be the Council Chamber rather than Government House. The Ministers are also being asked to indicate whether they expect to be present.

4. The Privy Council Office is proceeding with the preparation of a draft announcement to the Press with regard to the special Council. The announcement will proceed from the Clerk of the Privy Council and its general line will be that "at 12 o'clock noon the same hour as His Majesty The King met the United Kingdom Privy Council in London, the Deputy Governor-General, in the absence of the Governor-General, met with ~~certain of the Members~~ of His Majesty's Privy Council for Canada and acquainted them with the following message." Thereafter will follow the message as received from London on July 31st.

*Notes passed on
to Mr. Halliday - P.C.
office - for use in drafts
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Our latest information from London is that the King's message will be despatched at 12.10 p.m. on July 31st, which is 6.10 Ottawa time. According to the External Affairs code room it can be expected that the message will be available here in about an hour after time of despatch. Canada House is being informed that this arrangement is satisfactory, on the understanding that the message will be given a "most immediate" priority.

R.G. Robertson.

July 26th, 1947