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STATEMENT regarding events of May 7th.
from David Douglas-Wilson.

On the afternoon of May 7th I intended to go to the Chemical Society meeting which was advertised as taking place in the L.T.B. However I learnt at 4.20 p.m. that the meeting had been transferred to Wrentham House.

Dr. Inch was being introduced when I entered the Committee Room. At first a member of the Chemistry Dept. tried to prevent our entering the room, but eventually allowed entrance with the remark that we were now "guests of the Chemistry department". At this point a student introduced the "indictment" which was to be read by a number of students. The 1st statement pointed out that Dr. Inch would be allowed to give his account of the workings of Porton. After 5 to 10 minutes of these proceedings Dr. Inch started to leave the room.

A large number of people followed him from the room and by the time he had reached the garden door the students, and staff filled the small hall where he now stood. Dr. Inch was asked whether he would agree to answer questions. After a further reading of the indictment he agreed to answer questions. A dialogue had at last been achieved when the police arrived. After pushing themselves forcefully through the assembled people present they attempted to extricate Inch. I saw, none meet either Dr. Inch or the police. His slow departure from the room was caused by the number of persons present.

Noone committed any act of violence who was immediately near me either in the Committee room or the hall. I was standing near David Trieman on both occasions. I was also near Dr. Laid when he

was answering questions. He seemed unflustered and quite relaxed given the circumstances. He answered all the questions put to him and when any "lawbreaking" arose as a result of his answers the majority of people present called for silence so that he could be allowed to continue speaking.

There was a readiness for dialogue on both sides. Had the police not arrived and had Dr. Jack continued to answer questions I am sure that he could have returned to give his lecture later.

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