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Alan Johnson is named Home Secretary. He was considered the only possible alternative to Gordon, a bland, competent, Blairite, consensus choice. Johnson taking Home Secretary in effect puts an end to the coup attempt. Alistair Darling is kept as Chancellor. Ed Balls, Gordon's close adviser, was considered a bridge too far given Gordon's weakness now. But with Purnell's resignation Gordon named Balls' wife, Yvette Cooper to Purnell's job at Work and Pensions Ministry. More later... Sid

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