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Purnell called Miliband to tell him he would resign, trying to prompt David into joining him, thereby bringing down the government. Miliband refused, tried to talk Purnell out of quitting. Mandelson was at No. 10 discussing strategy with Gordon when Purnell called at 10 pm Thursday night to tell him he resigned. Mandelson worked the phones long into the night to get the Blairites to stay put and back Gordon. He succeeded in holding the fort. Then Gordon named him First Secretary of State. Sid

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