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1. NEWS DEPARTMENT WILL EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING DEFENSIVE LINE:  
WE HAVE NOTED THE COURT'S DECISION. WE SHALL NOW HAVE TO  
REVIEW THE SITUATION. IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT FURTHER PURPOSE IS  
SERVED BY THE THREE REMAINING IN THE CONSULATE.

(WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW? WILL YOU AWAIT AN APPEAL?)  
WE CANNOT COMMENT AT THIS STAGE.

(ONCE THE THREE HAVE BEEN TOLD OF OUR POSITION)

WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO THE MEN THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT  
BELIEVE THAT ALL THAT COULD REASONABLY BE DONE HAS BEEN DONE,  
AND THAT WE CANNOT COUNTENANCE AN INDEFINITE STAY WHICH IS  
ALREADY DISRUPTING THE WORK OF THE CONSULATE. THE PROBLEMS  
CREATED BY THIS SITUATION ARE OBVIOUSLY INCREASING. IT IS  
ALSO DIFFICULT TO SEE WHAT USEFUL PURPOSE IS SERVED BY THEIR  
REMAINING IN THE CONSULATE.

(WILL YOU EVICT THEM)

OUR POSITION ON EVICTION HAS NOT CHANGED. BUT WE HAVE  
STRONGLY ADVISED THE THREE THAT THEY SHOULD LEAVE THE  
CONSULATE. WE HOPE THAT THEY WILL DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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