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AND TO IMMEDIATE BRUSSELS, PARIS, BONN.

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EUROPEAN CUP FINAL DISASTER.

1. FOLLOWING LAST NIGHT DISASTER AT BRUSSELS, POSTS IN ITALY HAVE BEEN INUNDATED WITH ABUSIVE AND THREATENING PHONE CALLS INCLUDING SOME DEATH THREATS. EXTRA SECURITY HAS BEEN REQUESTED AND RECEIVED HERE AND AT ALL OUR SUBORDINATE POSTS.
2. BOMB THREATS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED IN ROME AND MILAN WHICH RESULTED IN THE EVACUATION OF THE CONSULATE-GENERAL IN THE LATTER.
3. ITALIAN FEELINGS ARE RUNNING HIGH BUT DESPITE THIS AND THE ABOVE THE SITUATION IS GENERALLY CALM AT PRESENT.
4. WE ARE ADVISING BRITISH CITIZENS TO MAINTAIN A LOW PROFILE FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT 48 HOURS AND BRITISH AIRWAYS, PEGASUS, COSMOS AND THE ITALIAN TOURIST COMPANY (CIT) HAVE BEEN ADVISED ALONG THESE LINES. THEY WILL IN TURN INFORM THEIR RESPECTIVE UK OFFICES.
5. WILL YOU PLEASE INFORM INTERESTED PARTIES OF THE ABOVE SITUATION. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT WE CAN ONLY HOPE TO ADVISE THOSE ON ORGANISED TOURS, NOT THE MANY BRITISH TOURISTS FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT ITINERIES.

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