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The full-time curfew has been re-imposed all over Cairo, after being lifted for Friday Prayers. The situation is largely quiet except in Giza (a southern suburb of Cairo, where the mutiny started). There are reports of firing there continuing. We believe this is the army trying to put down remaining resistance.

- 2. The Interior Minister (responsible for the Security Police Force) has been replaced by a tough police General.
- 3. Reports about Giza are still coming in. No news of any British casualties.

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