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PERSONAL FOR THE SECRETARY.

After the receipt this morning of your telegram conveying the President's message to me, I tried to reach the Foreign Minister but was not able to do so until after I began to get the reports from the news agencies of the President's press conference during which the President is reported to have said that I had not resigned but would return having completed my specific mission. I am, therefore, confining what I say to the President and Foreign Minister here to the substance of the reports of the press agencies of the President's statements this morning. Reference my telegrams 676, June 5, 10 a.m., and 677, June 5, 11 a.m. I am for the present refraining from any comment to the press.

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