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I asked the FRENCH AMBASSADOR to call this morning and in course of conversation I referred to the recent German statement which attempted to connect the Munich bomb outrage with the incident near Venloo. I said that it was of course **unnecessary** to observe that the Germans had not succeeded in establishing such a connexion which, of course, did not exist. Monsieur Corbin said that he did not suppose there was anybody outside Germany who believed the German statement.

In regard to the incident at Venloo I said that Monsieur Corbin would of course realise that this was the incident to which the Prime Minister had referred when he told Monsieur Daladier about the approach which we had had from what appeared to be military elements in Germany.

I told Monsieur Corbin that our information as to what actually happened was rather meagre. We had been told that Major Stevens had been shot dead, but the Germans now maintained that he was a prisoner in Germany.

Monsieur Corbin asked whether on the occasion of the incident German officers had crossed over into Holland. I told him that here again I could not answer with certainty as our information was not detailed, but I had understood from one report that two German officers had come over the frontier and that when Major Stevens and the others drove up, the Gestapo agents fell upon them and shot and kidnapped them.

Monsieur Corbin asked if we had anything to show that these two German officers were also attacked by the Gestapo or were acting in collusion with them. I said I could not

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