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*Prime Minister*  
*This explains the story in the morning's ~~Priority~~ Star — or rather The Star's story was a highly distorted version of it.*

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12 Your telegram No 23: WALTER RAUFF

13 1. Your American colleague has had instructions to co-ordinate  
 14 with you and your German colleague in support of a new formal  
 15 German request for the expulsion of Rauff from Chile and his  
 16 repatriation to the FRG to stand trial for the crimes of which  
 17 he is accused. The German Ambassador here has written to  
 18 Mr Rifkind formally seeking our support.

19 2. Although we accept that the prospects of the Chileans  
 20 yielding to political pressure are very low, you should make  
 21 separate representations in support of the German approach at  
 22 a suitably high level (your American colleague had  
 23 instructions to speak to the Foreign Minister Del Valle). You  
 24 should make the following points:  
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(i) Rauff

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2 (i) Rauff is one of the most notorious Nazi criminals still  
3 at large;

4 (ii) It is the policy of the British government to support  
5 efforts of the German authorities to bring to justice  
6 criminals such as Rauff. Her Majesty's Government therefore  
7 formally request the Government of Chile to expel Rauff and  
8 allow him to stand trial in the FRG, for the crimes of which  
9 he is accused;

10 (iii) In deporting Rauff the Government of Chile would be  
11 acting in accordance with the provisions in the 1980  
12 constitution on extremist political philosophies. We are  
13 in no doubt that national socialism is such an extremist  
14 philosophy, and that the crimes of which Rauff is accused  
15 were particularly vicious;

16 (iv) the British Government has to take account of the fact  
17 that many British citizens have friends and relations who  
18 were victims of the Nazi holocaust and that many people who  
19 have settled in Britain since the war have never recovered from  
20 their experiences at the hands of the Nazis. Bringing Rauff  
21 to justice would give comfort to these people and help  
22 to reassure them that Nazi crimes are not forgotten and will  
23 never be repeated.

24 3. The Chileans are likely to argue (Hughes' letter of  
25 21 February to Fletcher-Cooke) not only that Rauff's criminal  
26 culpability under Chilean law has lapsed but that the  
27 attention to him is part of a left wing international  
28 conspiracy against Chile. You might rebut this by pointing  
29 out that the task of friends of Chile such as the United  
30 States, the FRG and the UK is greatly complicated, particularly  
31 in the human rights context, by Chile's insensitive refusal  
32 over the years to accede to repeated requests for Rauff  
33 to be brought to justice.  
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