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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A TELEGRAM RECEIVED EARLY TODAY FROM THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN MEXICO CITY:

"ALL CANADIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL SAFE. HOMES AND EMBASSY RESIDENCE UNDAMAGED BUT CHANCERY BUILDING PROBABLY WORST DAMAGED IN CITY. WE WERE UNABLE INSPECT CHANCERY PREMISES SUNDAY AFTERNOON AS IT IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND NO ONE ABLE TO PROCEED HIGHER THAN TENTH FLOOR. NO CANADIANS YET REPORTED INJURED".

THERE ARE NINE CANADIANS EMPLOYED AT THE CANADIAN EMBASSY, MEXICO CITY -- SEVEN ARE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND TWO OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE.