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FROM TANGIER TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

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My telegram No. 160.

Feeling of immense satisfaction which had permeated this zone immediately following the statement which you made in the House of Commons on May 2nd is now becoming divided. British and foreigners of all nationalities are openly criticising lack of implementation by the Spaniards of the Anglo-Spanish agreement and we shall soon become a laughing stock unless the Spaniards can be induced to take action and close the German Consulate. The average comment in Tangier to-day concerning our agreement with Spain is "this is all very well but how and when?" If we cannot soon secure satisfactory action against the Germans, what should have been a notable victory for the United Nations will be turned temporarily at least into an ignominious defeat. German strength in resisting the closing of their Consulate is the keynote of German propaganda here.

2. I mean to put permanent pressure on Orgaz and I have suggested to my United States colleague that he should go and see him in a day or two while I shall see him again early next week.

O.T.P.