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At Secretary Fowler's lunch for Herr Strauss today, Ambassador Knappstein reported that Herr Strauss will resign if the NPT is signed, leading his 48 deputies into the wilderness. The effect on the Grand Coalition, in Knappstein's judgment, could be catastrophic politically if not arithmetically, since such a step could split C.D.U.

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