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IMPOSSIBLE YOU SHOULD REALISE INTENSE ANXIETY WHICH IS BEING FELT HERE FATE FOURTHOUSAND CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN PROMISED EVACUATION ENGLAND STOP GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE WORKING DAY AND NIGHT COMPLETE ORGANIZATION STOP EVERYTHING READY FOR MONDAY STOP STEVENSON DECLARES NO AUTHORIZATION FROM FOREIGN OFFICE STOP BEG YOU NAME CIVILIZATION AND HUMANITY OBTAIN THIS AUTHORIZATION IMMEDIATELY STOP GERMAN PILOT CAPTURED YESTERDAY DECLARES INTENSE BOMBARDMENT BILBAO IMMINENT STOP - MANNING.