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FROM WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Balfour  
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President Truman on whom I called at midday this morning with the Duke of Windsor had just heard from the Swiss Chargé d'Affaires here that the telegram received from Tokyo by the Japanese Legation at Berne "did not contain message awaited by the whole world".

2. The President remarked sadly that he now had no alternative but to order an atomic bomb to be dropped on Tokyo.

[Advance copy sent to Prime Minister].

O.T.P.

*This simply means that the message we were awaiting was not coming through yet. The Pres. remark at hand gave me to make the "sad" remark in § 2.*  
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