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I do not know who advised them to come, but it was a regrettable incident, and we hope that in future people will wait until they have been advised on what is going to