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Nor do we wish to stay there on account of any positive value that
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should be done in this situation? We can do one of three things:
either get out of Berlin at the risk of losing a great deal of
precious prestige; or make war over Berlin, plunging the whole
world into untold misery; or stay in Berlin at a reasonable price
to be agreed upon at Moscow. I hope from all my heart that this
third possibility be chosen.

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