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CS - 1ST ADD EMBASSY FIRE (CN 29)XXX PRAGUE

THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THE FIRE. THE FLAMES COULD BE SEEN THROUGH THE ATTIC WINDOWS AND THROUGH THE ROOF OF THE BUILDING.

THE FIRE CAME DURING AN EVENING WHEN THERE HAD BEEN GUNFIRE IN WIDESPREAD SECTIONS OF PRAGUE. TRACER BULLETS HAD BEEN VISIBLE FROM THE EMBASSY BUILDING.

IT WAS AT FIRST THOUGHT THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY TRACER BULLETS. BUT EMBASSY PERSONEL SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT RPT NOT THE CASE.

THE FIRE WAS DIRECTLY ABOVE THE SECTION OF THE EMBASSY USED FOR COMMUNICATIONS. FOR ONE HOUR AND 45 MINUTES THE EMBASSY WAS WITHOUT COMMUNICATIONS.

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