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Just by
Dear A. F. Knight,

I am afraid that we have been having difficulties with our evacuation of Chagos due to a breakdown of the Nordvaer. She broke down whilst on her way to Chagos and the Americans managed to effect temporary repairs in Diego Garcia. The Nordvaer then visited Salmon and Peros Banhos relocating some of the Ilois but was then unable to return to Diego Garcia and has had to limp back to Mahe. We are at present patching her up so far as our limited resources will allow and will then send her to Mombasa for proper repair. The ship should reach there by the end of the month but we do not know how long the final repairs will take but when they are complete the Nordvaer will return here and then proceed to Diego Garcia to complete the evacuation of the island. I hope that this can be done by mid-September and we will of course do our best to complete it as early as possible. We are however in the hands of the Mombasa shipyard.

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