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French called and asked us to pass on the following message to the US delegation heading to Paris for Syria meeting this evening:

- France believes UN Monitoring Mission needs to deploy immediately.
- We cannot bear the responsibility for interrupting the Annan process.
- The Syrian opposition wants the monitors.
- France cannot see strategically were we could go if we decide to delay a decision to deploy.
- Russians will use this an opportunity to reverse the Annan process and put the onus on the Western countries.
- France will push for an immediate decision to deploy monitors.
- Russians have already portrayed the Paris meeting as an effort to derail the Annan process, delay will play into their hands.