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PM tuvo que quedarse en el Ministerio hasta las 7 de la tarde ayer. (Ellos) le pidieron trabajar con un colega para traducir un documento secreto que acababa de llegar justo antes de las 4 de la tarde de la embajada francesa en Londres. P. normalmente se va a casa a las 4 pero su jefe entró en la oficina justo cuando estaba saliendo. El Le dijo que el presidente de la Republica necesitaba el documento traducido urgentemente. Cuado P llamó a su esposa para decirle que iba a llegar tarde, ella le dijo que habia recibido en casa un documento de 15 paginas del presidente de P y que tenia que hacerlo para las 9 de la mañana . P le dijo a su esposa que estaria en casa sobre las 8 de la noche y que probablemente no necesitaria mas de 2 horas para hacer la traduccion. Despues de colgar, él y un colega suyo dividieron el documento de 23 paginas de la Embajada de Francia y empezaron a trabajar. Era un informe secreto del Ministerio de Defensa Britanico al Primer Ministro. P se preguntó como el informe llegó a la Embajada Francesa, pero no era un asunto suyo. El informe era sobre la posicion Britanica sobre la construccion del nuevo avion de ser construido por un consorcio de compañías (empresas) en el Reino Unido, Francia, Alemania y España. En el informe, el ministro de defensa se quejaba de los franceses y alemanes. En su opion, el Reino Unidos y España no estaban incluidos en algunas de las reuniones y decisiones delicadas e importantes. El informe daba una lista de reuniones que habian tenido lugar entre las empresas francesas y alemanas sin el conocimiento de los otros dos socios.

El Ministerio concluyó el informe recomendado que este tema se incluyera en la reunion informal planeada entre el Primer Ministro y el presidente Frances durante la proxima reunion de la OTAN en Bruselas.

just received at home a 15-page report from the Chairman of Peugeot and that it had to be done by 9:00 a.m. the next morning. Pierre told his wife he'd be home around 8:00 p.m. and that he'd probably need no more than two hours to do the translation. After hanging up, he and a colleague of his divided up the 23-page document from the French Embassy and started working on it. It was a secret report from the British Ministry of Defense to the Prime Minister. Pierre wondered how the report had found its way to the French Embassy, but that was really none of his business. The report was about the British position concerning the construction of a new Eurofighter attack jet to be constructed by a consortium of companies in the U.K., France, Germany and Spain. In the report, the British Minister of Defense was complaining about the French and the Germans. In his opinion, the U.K. and Spain were not being included in some of the sensitive meetings and decisions. The report gave a list of meetings that had taken place between the French and German companies without the knowledge of the other two partners. The Minister concluded the report recommending that this subject be included in the informal meeting scheduled between the Prime Minister and the French President during the next NATO meeting in Brussels.

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1. How late did Pierre Monet have to stay at the Ministry yesterday?
2. What was he asked to do?
3. Who was he asked to work with?
4. What time did the document arrive?
5. Where did it arrive from?
6. What time does Pierre usually go home?
7. Who asked him to stay longer?
8. Did his boss walk calmly into Pierre's office?
9. How did he enter Pierre's office?
10. What was Pierre getting ready to do when his boss rushed into his office?
11. Who needed the document translated?
12. How soon did the President need the translation?
13. Who did Pierre call?
14. What did he tell her?
15. What did she tell him?
16. When did this translation need to be ready?
17. What time did Pierre tell his wife he'd be home?
18. How long did he tell her he'd need to do the Peugeot translation?
19. How long was the translation from Peugeot?
20. How long was the translation from the French Embassy?
21. Did Pierre do it himself or did he divide it up with a colleague?
22. What did Pierre wonder about the document?
23. Was this an important concern for him or was it really none of his business?
24. Who was the document from?
25. Who was it addressed to?
26. What was it about?
27. What countries were involved in the construction of the Eurofighter?
28. Who did the British Minister of Defense complain about in the report?
29. What was his complaint?
30. What kind of list did the report include?
31. What did the Minister recommend at the end of the report?
32. When was the next meeting between the British Prime Minister and the French President?
33. Was it supposed to be a formal or informal meeting?
34. Where was it going to take place?
35. Why was it going to take place in Brussels?