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| Dr. Karl Thurn: quartertone        | Herr Former Police Inspector Grieg: redrun   |
| Fraulein Lise Grauer: pipes        | Prime Minister Winston: alanmapstone         |
| Janitor: JHedrick                  | The Honorable Charles Wilberforce: ChuckW    |
| The Leader: ej400                  | Dr. Messner: Elsie Selwyn                    |
| Herr Friedrich Holm: iBeScotty     | Dr. Kundmann: LCaulkins                      |
| General Breyer: VOWinch            | Colonel Sigmund Knoeller: Inkell             |

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