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BAILIFF: We have taken into account what your counsel has said. We have listened carefully to what he has said; but really, the authorities to which the Attorney General and your counsel have drawn our attention, and have read out in Court indicate that sentences in the region of eighteen months to two years are appropriate for this kind of offence and there is, Mr Herbert, a particular passage, so far as the frauds are concerned, at the top of page 165: "These cases suggest that, where in a series of cheque frauds carried on with some degree of deliberation and several hundred pounds are involved, a sentence much less than two years will owe more to mitigating factors than the inherent quality of the offence."

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ADVOCATE HERBERT: I have brought to the Court's attention the few mitigating factors (inter)

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BAILIFF: That's right, quite right, yes. There aren't such mitigating factors which would enable us, we think, to depart from the general principle; and Koelen, you came here, you broke into two houses and you committed a series of frauds and we can see no reason to differ from the conclusions asked for by the Attorney General. You are sentenced to a total of two years.

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