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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the President for National
Security Affairs

SUBJECT: Prospects for an Indian Nuclear Force

Attached is an interagency intelligence memorandum just completed on this subject. You will no doubt already have seen the 18 June CIA report [REDACTED], which arrived shortly before the memorandum was finished. It confirms a number of our judgments -- in particular the idea that India is considering military applications of its nuclear capability and possible sources of delivery systems but has not yet firmly committed itself to a weapons program. In this regard, I call your particular attention to two of our findings:

(a) US and Soviet positions could have a considerable influence on India's decision with respect to whether or not to produce nuclear weapons.

(b) An Indian request to the USSR to supply a long-range bomber, and Soviet agreement to do so, is a possibility that should be taken into account.

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Attachments
1-As Stated
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