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EXDIS:

GOI: NUCLEAR PROGRAM

1. CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION HAS INFORMED US THAT A NUCLEAR INSPECTION TEAM FROM OTTAWA UNCOVERED EVIDENCE AT TROMBAY LAST WEEK WHICH MIGHT INDICATE THE GOI IS WORKING TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF A NUCLEAR DEVICE.

2. OUR SOURCE, [REDACTED] (PLEASE PROTECT) WAS A MEMBER OF ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL BOARD (AECB) TEAM WHICH UNEARTHED INFORMATION. HE CAUTIONED THAT DATA WAS AMBIGUOUS AND THEREFORE SUBJECT TO DIFFERING INTERPRETATION. HE SAID TEAM HAD QTE INADVERTENTLY UNQTE OBTAINED DATA FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED SCIENTIST AT TROMBAY. HE DID NOT RPT NOT SPECIFY NATURE OF THE DATA.

3. [REDACTED] SAID AECB TEAM QTE UNSETTLED UNQTE BY DISCOVERY AND PLANNED TO TURN INFORMATION OVER TO GOI AEC AUTHORITIES FOR ANALYSIS IMMEDIATELY UPON THEIR RETURN TO OTTAWA.

4. AS A RESULT OF THIS TURN OF EVENTS [REDACTED] STATED HI COM IS UNDERTAKING REVIEW OF ITS BILATERAL WITH GOI RELATING TO USE OF THE CANADA-INDIA REACTOR (CIR) AT TROMBAY. HE SAID SAFEGUARDS PORTION OF AGREEMENT WAS QTE NOT AS TIGHTLY DRAFTED AS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN UNQTE. AGREEMENT SPECIFIES THAT REACTOR AND ANY PRODUCTS RESULTING FROM ITS USE ARE TO BE EMPLOYED FOR PEACEFUL USES ONLY. BUT HE AND OTHERS IN HI COM FEAR POSSIBILITY OF AN INDIAN INTERPRETATION OF TERM QTE PEACEFUL USES UNQTE TO IMPLY USE OF REACTOR FOR PRODUCTION OF PLUTONIUM FOR USE IN A QTE PEACEFUL UNQTE NUCLEAR DEVICE.

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