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SUBJECT Indian Capability and Likelihood to Produce Atomic Energy.

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Enclosed is a General Requirement prepared by the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC) outlining information needed on atomic energy developments in India. The requirement includes a background statement summarizing information on the subject available in Washington. The Department, which is represented on JAEIC, participated in the drafting of the requirement.

The majority of the questions included in the requirement are technical in nature, in keeping with the authority and responsibilities of JAEIC. This should not, however, preclude reporting on any political and political economic considerations which would enter into a decision to (a) embark on an expanded nuclear program, including the scope and direction of such an expanded program, and (b) the relationship of such a program to the capability and probable intentions of India to produce nuclear weapons. This might include, for example, such factors as the relationship to the overall problem of existing or possible future treaties and/or agreements with other countries, the attitudes of political parties and leaders toward nuclear power and weapons programs, and the extent to which the cost of expanded nuclear development programs - plus other economic factors such as the required diversion of resources from non-military uses - would have a bearing upon decisions made in this field.

Posts should regard this as a continuing requirement to be reported upon as pertinent information becomes available. It should not be confused with NIE no. 4-3-61, "Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Delivery Capabilities of Non-Countries," which was the subject of CA-9529 of May 4, 1961. However, contribution to the NIE will of course cover some of the same subject matter dealt with in the JAEIC requirement. The background information furnished in the latter requirement indicates what is already known in Washington and therefore need not be reported.

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This instruction has been coordinated with the Department of Defense, the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

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