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Summary:

Information on the current status of both Pakistan and India's nuclear programs. The opinion of Indian Vice President Venkataraman is that Pakistan is lying about having already completed an atomic bomb.

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Vice-President [Ramaswamy] Venkataraman - who had been minister of defense earlier - told me that in his opinion, the news about the manufacturing of a Pakistani atomic bomb was a Pakistani bluff. The point is rather that Pakistan would like to join the World Nuclear Association, in which India has been a member for several years and for which a certain level of nuclear capacity is necessary. Nevertheless, India was prepared for all contingencies, the vice-president said. According to the information I received from another source, Pakistan is working on the preparations for manufacturing an atomic bomb, but India is doing so in an even more serious way. India intends to manufacture an atomic bomb, and it is waiting only for a suitable political situation or pretext. - 214 - T. -