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Summary:

Short report on arguments being made in India to gain support from the Soviet Union for the Indian nuclear program. India would like to gain international prestige similar to China.

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One of the Soviet counselors said they had become aware that in recent weeks the Indian political research institutes were bringing forward more and more arguments to prove that India's nuclear armament would bring only advantages. This campaign is headed by the institute of Dr. [K.] Subrahmanyam. Their main argument is that China's nuclear armament did not damage China's international prestige. On the contrary, since then China has become a member of the S[ecurity] C[ouncil], in essence achieved the status of the third superpower, and today both the Soviet Union and the USA seek to reach an agreement with China. India's nuclear armament would bring similar advantages.- 306 - T. -