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**Summary:**

Information from a Soviet diplomat who states that the Soviet Union expects India to become a nuclear power soon and anticipates negative consequences for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament.

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A Soviet diplomat said that according to their evaluation, it is nearly inevitable that India will become a nuclear power in the near future, Soviet efforts notwithstanding. The main negative consequences of such a development would be as follows:1.) The edifice of nuclear non-proliferation will collapse, many pro-Western countries - including Pakistan, Israel, and South Africa - will openly take the path of nuclear armament. The danger of local nuclear conflicts will increase.2.) A new anti-Soviet campaign will unfold, claiming that India became a nuclear power with Soviet support.3.) The process of nuclear disarmament will become even more complicated.

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