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Summary:

Discussion of the importance of internal stability and the concept of independence in guiding India's foreign policy following India's first nuclear test.

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According to the information I received from Congress Party circles, India's foreign policy, having settled the problem of the subcontinent, lays the main emphasis on reinforcing India's independence. This is also one of the principal objectives of the nuclear explosion. According to what the informant said, India is becoming more independent from the Soviet Union, but this does not mean that it will come dangerously close to the USA. India's goal is to reinforce its independence, achieve complete self-reliance, and assume a greater role in international politics. At the same time, the government is going to restore internal order with a firm hand, because the chaotic internal situation endangers the position of the government, damages the potency of Indian foreign policy, and disturbs cooperation with other countries. Our informant said that due to the disorderly internal situation, there were signs of distrust [of India] in Western financial and economic circles. Besides preserving its independence, India also strives for extensive international collaboration, and for the development of industrial cooperation, in order to solve its economic problems. It makes use of credits and economic aid, for which, however, it must create the necessary preconditions, and generate trust, by stabilizing the internal situation.

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