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Summary:

The State Department asks the U.S. Embassy in India for its assessment of the likelihood that India is planning a nuclear test explosion.

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Various recent intelligence reports ~~including~~

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