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**Memorandum by Robert S. Rochlin, 'Implications of**  
**an Indian Nuclear Weapons Test'**

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**Summary:**

Memo from senior scientist at the ACDA, Robert S. Rochlin, discussing the possible serious political and diplomatic consequences of India launching a nuclear test. In the event that Rao had made a decision to test, the United States did not have enough "leverage" to encourage a policy reversal or to prevent a regional arms race; Washington would need to organize a "concerted intervention by all the major states."

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