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SUBJECT: INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST

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1. SUBJECT YOUR VIEWS WE PROPOSE THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN
ISSUE FOLLOWING STATEMENT MORNING MAY 18:

QUOTE WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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THAT INDIA HAS CONDUCTED AN UNDERGROUND TEST OF A
NUCLEAR DEVICE. THE US DEEPLY REGRETS THIS DEVELOPMENT. OUR VIEWS AGAINST NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION ARE WELL KNOWN. WHILE NOTING INDIA’S REAFFIRMATION OF ITS COMMITMENT NOT TO USE NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR MILITARY PURPOSES WE CONSIDER THIS AN UNFORTUNATE STEP. UNQUOTE

2. ADVISE. RUSH

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