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State Department cable 59655 to US Embassy United Kingdom, 'Indian Nuclear Intentions'

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Summary:
The British Government took the same view as the Canadians, seeing no evidence that the Indians had made a decision to do a nuclear test, although they had the “capability.”

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1. MOBERLY OF BRITISH EMBASSY INFORMED DEPARTMENT
OFFICER APRIL 6 THAT FOLLOWING INQUIRY BY US {REFTEL}
HMG HAD TAKEN NEW PRELIMINARY LOOK AT INDIAN NUCLEAR
INTENTIONS. UK HAD CONCLUDED THAT INDIA HAD CAPABILITY
OF PROCEEDING TO NUCLEAR EXPLOSION BUT THAT IT HAD
DETECTED NO INDICATION THAT GOI HAD IN FACT DECIDED TO
DO SO.

2. MOBERLY SAID THAT BRITISH WERE UPDATING 1969 STUDY
ON THIS SUBJECT AND IF THIS STUDY PRODUCES CONCLUSIONS
DIFFERENT FROM PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE USG WILL BE INFORMED.

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