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**US Embassy India Cable 5797 to State Department  
forwarding Bombay consulate cable 983, 'India's  
Nuclear Position'**

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**Summary:**

A follow up to John J. Pinajian's 4 April 1973 report on "India's Nuclear Position." Pinajian got some access to the Bhabha Atomic Research Center, but noticed the absence of personnel responsible for experimental work. Moreover, he was getting cooperation from the Institute for Fundamental Research to conduct an experiment.

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1. SUMMARY: USAEC SCI REP HAS GAINED GREATER ACCESS TO BARC BUT HAS NOT AS YET TALKED TO EXPERIMENTALISTS THERE. APPEARS TO BE APPROACHING BARC SOLUTION ASYMPTOTICALLY. SITUATION AT TIFR SHOWS MORE CONCRETE RESULTS. END SUMMARY.

2. BOTH DR. R. RAMANNA ( BARC) AND PROF. M. G9 K. MENON ( TIFR) HAVE CONTACTED DIVISION HEADS VERBALLY AND IN CONFIDENTIAL

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WRITING AS REGARDS PINAJIAN.

3. BARC: PINAJIAN HAS HAD TWO DISCUSSIONS WITH SECTION

LEADERS IN BARC' S ISOTOPES DIVISION AND ONE TO AR OF THE  
PRIMARY ISOTOPES DEPARTMENT OF THAT DIVISION. HE NOW HAS  
A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK AREAS. HOWEVER, DURING  
TOUR HE NOTES ABSENCE OF PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN ACTUAL  
EXPERIMENTAL WORK AND AS A CONSEQUENCE HAS NOT TALKED TO  
THE EXPERIMENTALISTS. HAS ASKED IN RECENT CORRESPONDENCE  
WITH DEPARTMENT HEAD IN ISOTOPES DIVISION IF HE CAN HAVE  
DISCUSSIONS WITH EXPERIMENTALISTS IN ORDER TO BETTER  
UNDERSTAND SOME OF THEIR APPROACHES AND TO EXPLORE  
POSSIBILITY EXPERIMENT.

4. TIFR: PINAJIAN HAS 3 MEETINGS WITH TIFR NUCLEAR  
PHYSICISTS AND APPEARS TO BE ON THE WAY ON SPECIFIC  
EXPERIMENT. STAFF APPEARS TO BE VERY WILLING AND COOPERATIVE.

5. APPRECIATE EMBASSY' S INFORMING SECSTATE FOREGOING IN LIGHT  
LATTER' S QUERY REFTEL.  
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