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3. Ambassador is requested to raise this issue as fromtly as frostle-immediately with appropriate Chinese authorities drawing on the following talking points:

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- -- You are no doubt aware of press/reports that indicate India may be preparing to conduct, a nuclear test expersion,
- -- The U.S. has watched with some concern over the last few months a debate that has been waged in India over whether to conduct a nuclear test.
- -- Pressure seems to be mounting on Indian Prime Minister Rao to conduct a test.
- -- The U.S. would regard with the utmost concern an Indian nuclear test and we have conveyed this view to Indian Prime Minister Rao.
- -- Regardless of whether Rao decides to take this step, press accounts alone that allege India is considering a test will be regarded by Pakistan as a provocation.
- -- This will exacerbate Indo-Pakistani tension and could lead to actions that make the South Asian nuclear situation deteriorate further.
- -- The U.S. is urging Pakistan in the strongest terms not to react rashly to these reports A We urge your government to act promptly to do the same. /YY

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