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2. (C) PER REF A, FOLLOWING INDIA-SPECIFIC TALKING POINTS SUPPLEMENT REF B AND ARE INTENDED FOR USE UPON DELIVERY OF THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

-- I UNDERSTAND THAT A RANGE OF STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS AND POLITICAL FACTORS AFFECT INDIA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CTBT.

-- NONETHELESS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT WE SHARE BROAD COMMON INTERESTS THAT WOULD BE WELL SERVED BY A CTBT. WE BELIEVE CONCLUSION OF A CTBT WILL ENHANCE THE SECURITY OF THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING INDIA AND ALL ITS NEIGHBORS.

-- FURTHER, A CTBT WILL BE A CRUCIAL MILESTONE IN ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT EFFORTS, AS FIRST ADVOCATED BY PRIME MINISTER NEHRU IN THE MID-1950S. EVER SINCE, INDIA HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN FOR PROMPT CONCLUSION OF A CTBT.

-- WE BELIEVE A CTBT WILL BE A KEY ELEMENT IN FACILITATING FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME, WE WOULD SEE VALUE IN DISCUSSING WITH YOU HOW BEST TO KEEP THIS PROCESS MOVING FORWARD.

-- LAST DECEMBER, THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING INDIA, ADOPTED A RESOLUTION AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH CALLS FOR CONCLUSION OF A CTBT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN 1996.

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-- BECAUSE OF INDIA'S TRADITIONAL ROLE IN FOSTERING PROGRESS IN ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT, THE WORLD COMMUNITY IS LOOKING TO INDIA TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN BRINGING CTBT NEGOTIATIONS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

-- A CTBT IS A KEY GOAL FOR PRESIDENT CLINTON, AND HE HAS ASKED ME TO DELIVER THIS LETTER TO YOU.
CHRISTOPHER