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Chairman AEC has received following telegram dated October 23 from Bhabha (Indian Minister Banerji gave Dept copy October 27):

QUOTE: We would greatly appreciate an arrangement with you to exchange full information on a daily or regular basis regarding fallout and other physical measurements on present and future Chinese tests. No fresh fallout has been detected by our monitoring stations in India so far but Indian aircraft which returned from New York on 21 October showed fresh fallout but aircraft from London which returned via Moscow yesterday showed no fallout. UNQUOTE

Embassy requested deliver following reply from Chairman AEC to Bhabha;

QUOTE: Dear/MrxxEhxbhxx Thank you for your recent cable concerning an exchange of information. I have discussed this matter with my colleagues in the USG who are interested in Chinese nuclear testing and I understand that Ambassador Bowles is concerned with the question of working out arrangements for the timely exchange of relevant data in this important matter.

Arrangements made through Ambassador Bowles between our governments would seem to be the most effective means for exchanging information of this kind,

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particularly since a number of agencies of the USG would likely be involved. With personal regards, Sincerely, Glenn T. Seaborg. UNQUOTE

We believe handling Bhabha's request in this manner will ensure that we can fully coordinate whatever information is passed. We have avoided specifying just what role Bhabha will play in passing and receiving this info as this is, of course, matter for GOI to decide. You might wish check out letter with L.K. Jha before delivery.

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