

## A WORD OF CAUTION

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- Receptionist: *How lewd. I wonder if innuendoes are acceptable in his own country, and if his wife knows. Yes sir, just one moment.*
- Nepalese Counterpart: Good afternoon, Mr. Parker. This is Jagdish Neupane.
- Foreign Advisor: Hi Jag Dish. Jee, you don't mind if I call you Jag, do you?
- Nepalese Counterpart: Oh no, of course not. *The least he could do is try to pronounce my name correctly.*
- Foreign Advisor: Listen, Jag, I thought if we could sit down this afternoon and have a quick go-over on that technical report, we could have it in the bag by the end of the week.
- Nepalese Counterpart: *He's had a long trip, but like most of them he's "got to get down to business." I wish he'd cut out the jargon—I can only guess what he means. Why don't you relax from the long flight, and come to see me first thing tomorrow morning, Mr. Parker?*
- Foreign Advisor: Well, all right, I'll be there about quarter to nine then.
- Nepalese Counterpart: Can we make it 10:30? *He probably doesn't realize we open at 10:00 a.m. Even then horrendous traffic can delay the arrival of some of my subordinates. I would like all the staff here to receive him.*
- Foreign Advisor: *How in the world do they get any work done? "First thing" in the morning is 10:30 a.m.? Half the day is already gone!* O.K. Jag, I'll be there at 10:30.
- Nepalese Counterpart: All right, Mr. Parker. Good day.