

been agreed that the Indian delegate, Lall, should be told informally when he arrives in Vienna.

4. Within the past few days the campaign of diplomatic approaches has been somewhat upset by new suggestions from the United Kingdom. In particular it has been suggested that "lukewarm or potentially hostile" countries should not be shown the text of our procedural resolution nor given details of tactical plans for the General Conference. The reasoning seems to be that these countries are likely to pass the information to India, which is expected to lead an all-out attack against safeguards. We have agreed to go along with this position, and it would therefore not be advisable to give the above mentioned details to Mr. Pillai.

5. It is just possible that, contrary to the impression gained by Commonwealth Division, Mr. Pillai may not want to talk about Agency safeguards at all, but to discuss the terms on which Canada might be prepared to ship uranium to India. Some months ago the Counsellor at the Indian High Commissioner's Office asked us whether Canada would be ready to sell to India without safeguards, and owing to the confused and uncertain situation we have never given a formal answer (though we have equally never encouraged them to think that Canada was prepared to abandon safeguards).⁸

6. If Mr. Pillai does raise this question, we should be very cautious in our answer because it is more than possible that the Indians would like to play off against one another the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and the U.S.S.R. Nehru announced on August 11 that the first Indian nuclear power station would be erected at Tarapore. According to our Trade Commissioner's information, it is to be fuelled with natural uranium and invitations to tender have been issued to three British consortia and to a French group. Several months ago there was an equally definitive press report to the effect that the U.S.S.R. would help in erecting a nuclear power station at Ahmedabad and Khrushchev was reported as saying it would be "without strings." At the same time Dr. Bhabha was busy dropping half hints to our High Commissioner and to a United States survey team then in India (a) that he would accept a safeguards on fabricated fuel elements (b) that he was prepared to accept the substance if a suitable formula could be found. If Mr. Pillai does refer to this subject rather than generally to Agency safeguards, therefore, it might be advisable to ask him to put something on paper — even only as a *Note Verbale*. At the present time there is also a new batch of reports from British Metal Corporation that India has bought uranium concentrate from the "Belgian" Congo.

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The Chargé d' Affaires ad interim of Canada presents his compliments to the Secretary of State and refers to his note of August 5 describing the actions recently taken by the United States Government in preparation for the Fourth General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

⁸ Voir/See documents 414, 415.