

It is in view of this common aim, which I believe we share, and in view too of our long-standing co-operation in the field of atomic energy development, that I urge upon you to give most serious consideration to the position which India will adopt during the important discussions of the Agency's safeguards system which will take place at the General Conference opening in September.

I am, with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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*High Commissioner in India
to Secretary of State for External Affairs*

TELEGRAM 396

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Reference: Your Let ET-355 Jul 8† and Tel to Vienna ET-832 Jun 17.

IAEA: INDIA'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS SAFEGUARDS

Your telegram ET-832 now received here. I have waited for it before implementing instructions contained in your letter ET-355. Meanwhile I have received further info which I believe may require reconsideration of these instructions.

2. Today Winthrop Brown, USA Minister here and Ambassador (designate to Laos) informed me that Ambassador Bunker had received similar guidance on this subject but that Washington's communication to him had been in form of "suggestion" not repeat not "instruction." Bunker had replied in a strongly negative manner. He had told State Department that he considered it would be a "useless exercise" to send to the Indians another high level letter on this subject in view of India's position which had been recently made known to the USA Embassy here in very definite terms. Bunker had argued to Washington that there was no repeat no possibility of altering the Indian view on safeguards and that the net result would simply be to antagonize the Indians. I understand from Brown that the State Department accepted Bunker's analysis and that therefore no repeat no action will be taken by the USA Embassy here.

3. I am of course prepared to carry out any instructions you give me. However I think there is considerable force in Bunker's analysis. In any case I thought I should draw this to your attention in view of the reference in paragraph III(V) of your telegram ET-832 to the understanding that "the USA would probably in most countries have to take the initiative." From the foregoing it is obvious that this will not repeat not be the case vis-à-vis India.

4. I would appreciate your comments soonest possible.

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