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Evidence of the USSR's Unwillingness to Sell India a Strategic Bomber With a Nuclear Capability.

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[redacted] an unspecified type of bomber for the Indian Air Force. The Indian defense plan, however, states a requirement for a deterrent medium bomber force composed of American B-47 type aircraft in addition to a fighter/bomber force. Although the Soviets have both types -- TU-16 medium bomber and SU-7 fighter/bomber -- and have exported a number of each to Free World countries,

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[redacted] all the USSR could offer was [redacted] the SU-7B. The USSR still has well over 1000 TU-16's in service and could easily provide India with a number of these aircraft. The apparent failure

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[redacted] to offer the medium bomber suggests that the USSR is unwilling to sell India a strategic bomber with a nuclear capability. (Free World Branch/[redacted] 25X1A9a

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