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1. Pandit Nehru is considering the following as possible successors to Mme. V L. Pandit, the present Indian Ambassador to the United States:

Mahomedali Currim Chagla, Chief Justice of Bombay

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Minister of Health, Government of India (GOI)

B. Diwakar, Deputy Minister for Information,\* GOI

2. Chagla, whom Nehru favors for the post, is a pro-Soviet intellectual who helped to inaugurate the Soviet Cine Festival in Bombay. His favorable judgments in cases involving Communist detainees made him popular with leftists in that area.\*\*
3. The final appointment for the ambassadorial post will be made in April 1951.

25X1A \* [REDACTED] The reference here may be to Ranganath Ramachandra Diwakar, Minister of State, Information and Broadcasting, GOI.

25X1A \* [REDACTED] An independent and untested source in Bombay recently reported Chagla as being the president of the Soviet Cine Film Company of Bombay, which company indulges mainly in propaganda films for the Soviet Union. This source believes, however, that Chagla is interested in Soviet films solely from a cultural point of view and is not pro-Communist.

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