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# Telegram Flap Awaits Moynihan on Trip Home

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NEW DELHI, Sept. 14—Ambassador Daniel P. Moynihan is returning to Washington next week for U.S. consultations at the State Department following publication of a blunt diplomatic dispatch on U.S. intelligence activities and India's nuclear plans.

Embassy officials said the trip, previously unannounced, had been arranged before Moynihan sent a strongly worded cable to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger last week. The cable, as reported by The New York Times, could have major repercussions on Indian-American relations and on Moynihan's future as ambassador.

The embassy officials said Moynihan would help prepare for Kissinger's anticipated visit to New Delhi late next month.

According to published excerpts of the cable, Moynihan predicted that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi will "proceed to develop nuclear weapons and a missile delivery system, preaching nonviolence all the way."

That view could damage Moynihan's relationship with Mrs. Gandhi, since it makes light of her repeated statements that India will use nuclear energy only for peaceful purposes.

In his other observation, Moynihan said reports that the Central Intelligence Agency helped undermine the government of former Chilean President Salvador Allende had confirmed Mrs. Gandhi's

"worst suspicions and genuine fears" about U.S. policy toward India.

"She is not sure but that we would be content to see others like her overthrown," Moynihan is reported to have cabled Kissinger. "She knows full well that we have done our share, and more, of bloody and dishonorable deeds."

Since Allende was overthrown last year, Mrs. Gandhi has often warned her countrymen to be on the alert against a repetition of events like those in Chile. Mrs. Gandhi repeated this warning Wednesday while addressing members of Parliament belonging to her Congress Party, according to Indian news reports.

There was no immediate reaction from the government to the Moynihan cable. Excerpts from it were splashed across Indian newspapers this morning in dispatches from Washington.

Aides said Moynihan planned to leave New Delhi for Washington in the next day or so.

There has been increasing speculation in New Delhi that Moynihan, who arrived here in February 1973, might leave his post after the Kissinger visit. Moynihan's two-year leave of absence from Harvard expires in February, and reports from Cambridge have

said he is listed in the college catalogue to resume teaching next year.

Moynihan has said he is not ready to announce his plans.