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#### INDIA-USSR-US: Placing Blame in Spy Scandal

[REDACTED] the Indian Government may ask Moscow to recall two Soviet officials allegedly involved in the recent spy scandal. [REDACTED] New Delhi has found no evidence of US involvement but is trying to find a US connection [REDACTED]. Press reports said 1,000 people organized by the Indian Communist Party-Marxist marched yesterday on the US Embassy in New Delhi to protest US activities in India, including alleged CIA espionage. [REDACTED]

**Comment:** Prime Minister Gandhi's decision to delay a public statement naming the foreign powers implicated in the spy ring will add further to speculation in India—especially in the pro-Soviet media—about possible US as well as French involvement. Reports that New Delhi is asking Paris and Moscow to recall specified diplomats—rather than expelling them—suggest that the Indians are trying to minimize the disruptive effect of the investigation on relations with the countries implicated. ([REDACTED])

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