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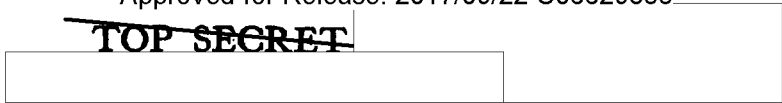
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YUGOSLAVIA: Nuclear Energy Cooperation

[Redacted] //Yugoslavia has proposed that the nonaligned countries cooperate in the development of nuclear energy by pooling their material and financial resources.//

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[Redacted] Yugoslavia raised the matter during the current meeting of the nonaligned coordinating council in New Delhi, according to a report from an Indian news agency. The Yugoslavs suggested forming a group of experts to draw up a draft "action program" so that the nonaligned can "emancipate" themselves quickly from their reliance on the developed West for nuclear technology.

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[Redacted] In Yugoslavia's view, such cooperation might involve prospecting for and creating reserves of nuclear materials, training personnel, building nuclear power stations, establishing national industries for the production of nuclear-related equipment, and conducting joint research in nuclear science.

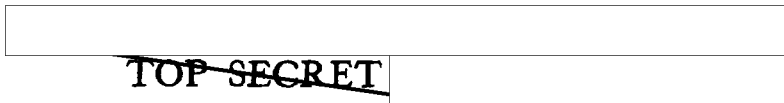
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[Redacted] Yugoslavia--like a number of other nonaligned states--has long maintained that all developing countries have the right of unhampered access to sophisticated technology. It seems unlikely that a cooperative program would be effective, although there will probably be little opposition to Belgrade's general proposal. Among the nonaligned, only India has a significant nuclear energy program, and the others have very little to contribute.

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