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To: The Secretary *Sec Sec*
From: S/AL - Llewellyn E. Thompson *LS*
Subject: New Delhi's 1862 of December 31, 1964 *(S/AL)*

I am disturbed by the extent to which Ambassador Bowles, as reported in the penultimate paragraph of his 1862, is encouraging the Indians to think that we would be prepared to make a specific unilateral guarantee to India against nuclear attack or would be prepared to undertake a joint guarantee with the Soviets. If this is to be United States policy, we surely should talk the matter out. So far as I know, Ambassador Bowles has never suggested to the Indians that an alliance with us would be quid pro quo and I do not see how we could give a specific guarantee to India as a non-aligned country and not be obliged to guarantee all of our Allies.

As you know, the Joint Chiefs are much concerned about a possible joint guarantee with the Russians. I believe we previously sent a message to the Ambassador warning him about this problem, but it does not seem to have had any effect. I suggest that a very specific instruction be sent to him.

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