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INDIA: Charging US Involvement in Punjab

A New Delhi newspaper quoting Indian intelligence agencies has claimed that the CIA has used Pakistan to channel weapons to Sikh extremists in Punjab. The Indian Foreign Secretary [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] claimed there is evidence that the US has provided weapons and encouragement to the militants. He stated that New Delhi is weighing its information before deciding who its friends are and what policies to pursue. [REDACTED]

Comment: New Delhi's charges go well beyond previous insinuations of US involvement in Punjab. Prime Minister Gandhi is probably trying to deflect blame for the Punjab crisis from her government in an election year. [REDACTED]