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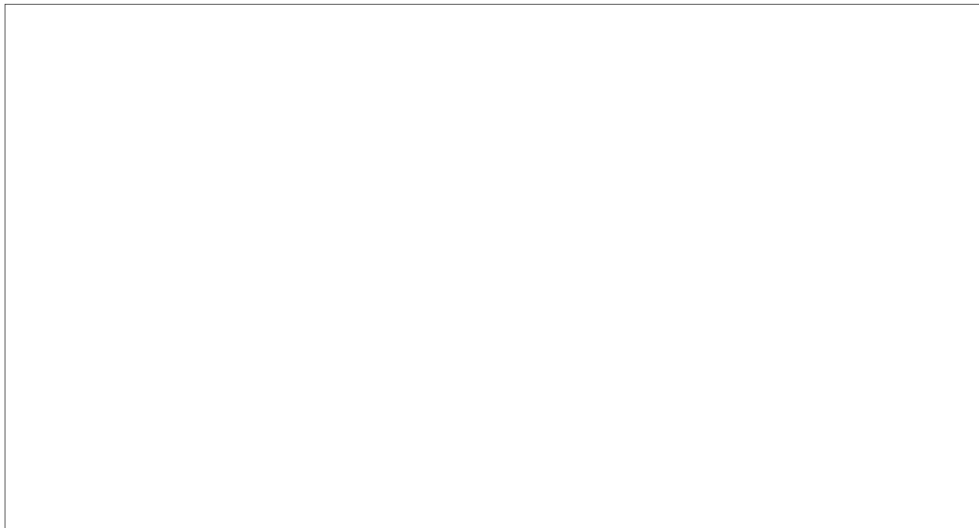
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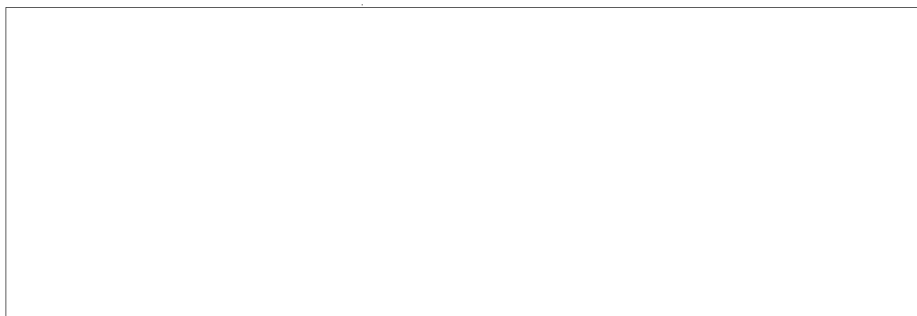
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USSR: A recent statement by Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin suggests that the USSR expects a major standdown in manned space flights following the crash of Soyuz 1 on 23 April.

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Gagarin told a Soviet newspaper on 17 May that it would take time to discover and correct the causes of the accident and to conduct further tests. His is the first tacit Soviet admission [redacted] that the investigation by the special commission set up after the ill-fated flight may be long and complex.

The Soviets have evidently decided to [redacted]

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admit publicly only to a parachute malfunction, the direct cause of the crash. Gagarin claimed that there were no malfunctions in the spacecraft's life support systems, that radio communications were excellent, and that deorbit was normal.

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Gagarin may have been hinting at [redacted] other problems--which may prove more difficult to correct than the parachute malfunction--when he concluded that the Soviets would now have to pay greater attention to engineering and to check-outs and testing before attempting another Soyuz flight. [redacted]

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