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USSR--Nuclear Test Ban: The initial reaction of Soviet officials in Geneva to the new US proposal for a nuclear test ban has been negative.

The new US proposal, which includes a willingness to reduce the number of on-site inspections to seven if the USSR accepts the technical arrangements contained in the plan, was outlined to First Deputy Foreign Minister Kuznetsov on 19 February. Kuznetsov replied that "only that morning" Khrushchev had telephoned him instructions that no agreements on details were to be given until the Western side accepted the Soviet figure of "not over three" inspections.

Kuznetsov, although indicating his "personal disappointment" that the new US offer "appeared to make agreement impossible," promised to transmit it to Moscow.

In a conversation of 20 February with a US official, Soviet delegate Mendelevich appeared to imply that Moscow was prepared to move beyond three inspections. He discounted, however, the US offer of seven, noting that it would have a "very adverse effect" in Moscow. He attempted to justify this remark by pointing out that such bargaining was "not worthy of great countries" and reflected "provincialism" in US foreign policy.

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		great respect for Chinese ability and talents in the scientific field. They say that the Chinese "study	
		all the time" and that "quite a few" younger scien-	
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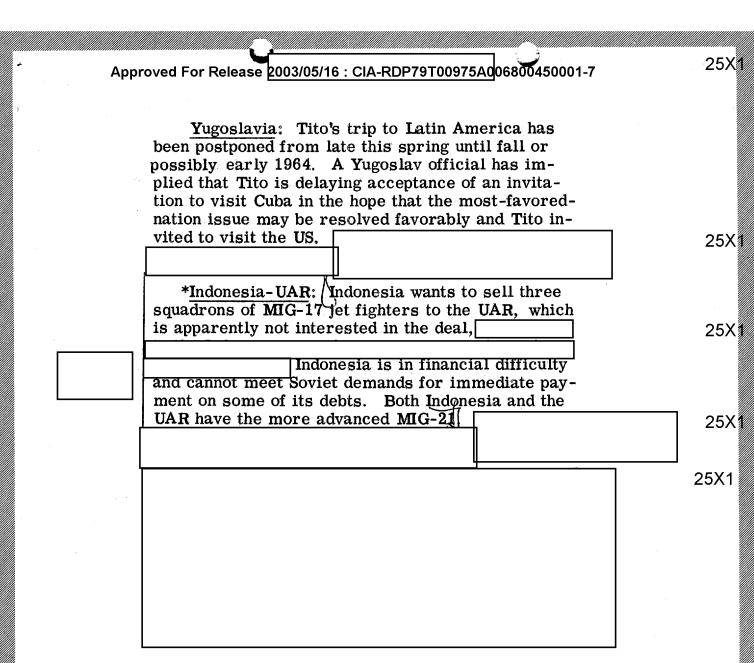
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