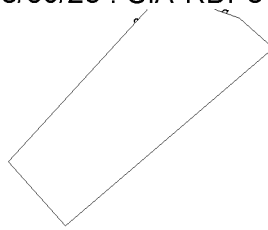




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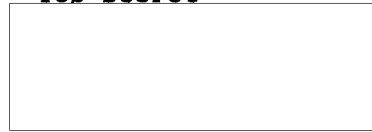
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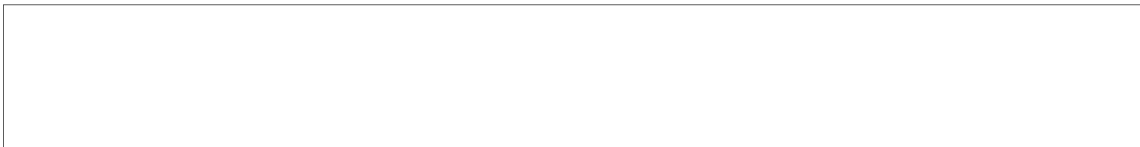
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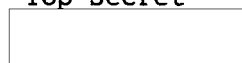


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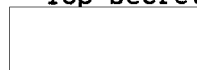


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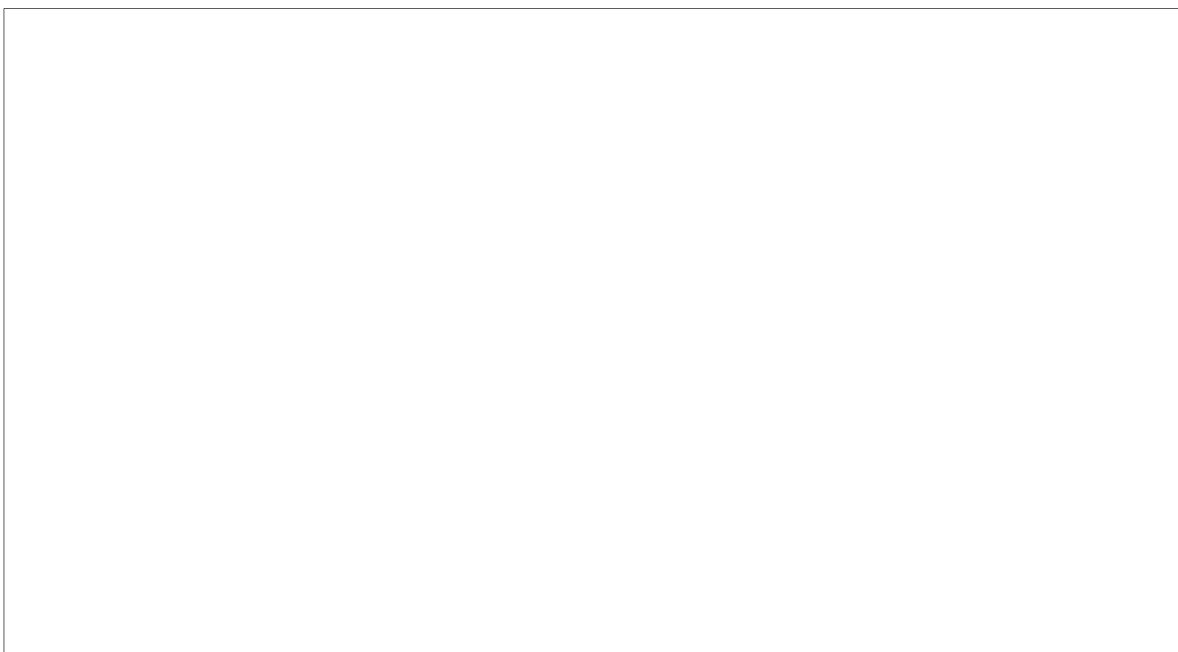
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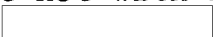


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USSR-POLAND: New Signs of Soviet Concern

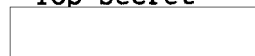
Party secretary Rusakov, who is responsible for relations with the East European countries, yesterday began a "friendly working visit" to Poland. His trip coincided with the appearance in *Pravda* of a lengthy article accusing the US of using Radio Free Europe broadcasts to aggravate the situation in Poland. The Polish news agency has reported a "full convergence of views" between Rusakov and the Foreign Minister, but not with Premier Jaruzelski, on bilateral relations. 

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Comment: Rusakov's purpose probably is to obtain a firsthand assessment of the situation and to encourage a continued tough response. The Polish agency report suggests that he is more satisfied with Poland's handling of its foreign affairs than with the handling of the recent disturbances. The *Pravda* article appears aimed at diverting attention from the internal causes of the recent Polish disturbances and perhaps at directing West German sentiment against Radio Free Europe as a threat to peaceful East-West relations. 

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Election Results

With 25 percent of the vote tallied, ruling party Senator Jorge Blanco is the projected winner of the generally violence-free presidential race. He is leading by 14 percentage points over former President Balaguer. Jorge Blanco claimed victory early yesterday, and, to reassure the conservative military, announced that his administration would not establish relations with Cuba. He also said that he would travel to Central and South America, Western Europe, and the US before his inauguration to strengthen bilateral ties and seek aid for his country's current economic problems.

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Comment: Jorge Blanco is aware that the military and other conservative elements remain uneasy about his political ideology, and he will concentrate on calming their fears. The armed forces will carefully monitor the activities of his more radical advisers, especially the ruling party's controversial Secretary General Pena Gomez.

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SOUTH AFRICA - ANGOLA: Air Attacks

//South Africa is continuing its air attacks into southern Angola. The Angolans claim that South African aircraft attacked Army installations and civilian economic targets at Cahama, Jamba, Cassinga, and other locations.

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The airstrikes could be in retaliation for recent South-West Africa People's Organization attacks into Namibia. At least two of the targets Angola claims were hit have been sites of SWAPO bases, although their current status is not known.

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YUGOSLAVIA: New Government

The makeup of the new federal government installed on Saturday suggests that Belgrade seriously intends to pursue new solutions to the country's economic difficulties. Many ministers who held their jobs on the basis of cronyism rather than talent have been replaced. Although Premier Planinc lacks experience in economic matters, most of her advisers--including the influential and capable Vice Premier Dragan--have extensive expertise. Similarly, the previously announced changes in the Ministries of Defense, Interior, and Foreign Affairs also put in place officials with established reputations at home and abroad. [redacted]

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Comment: The Yugoslavs clearly made their choices with an eye to creating a good impression in international business and banking communities, which have become increasingly skeptical of the prospects for all the East European economies. [redacted]

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USSR-VIETNAM: Use of Vietnamese Labor

A largely voluntary program by Hanoi to send politically reliable laborers to the USSR and Eastern Europe has gained popularity with young Vietnamese, [redacted] Most will work in Siberia, but the volunteers are said to welcome such jobs as a way to make more money and evade military service. Workers spend three to five years in manual labor or in administrative positions, with 60 percent of their wages deducted to help pay Vietnam's sizable financial debt to the USSR. Between 100,000 and 500,000 laborers reportedly are expected to participate in the program by 1985 under the terms of labor export agreements concluded between Vietnam and the USSR and Eastern Europe last year. [redacted]

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Comment: Vietnam's high unemployment probably makes forced participation unnecessary in most cases, despite some recent reports that many Vietnamese are coerced into the program. Although the program will not result in a substantial increase in the labor force in the USSR and Eastern Europe, it evidently reflects the Soviets' willingness to try any scheme to shore up the labor force. [redacted]

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