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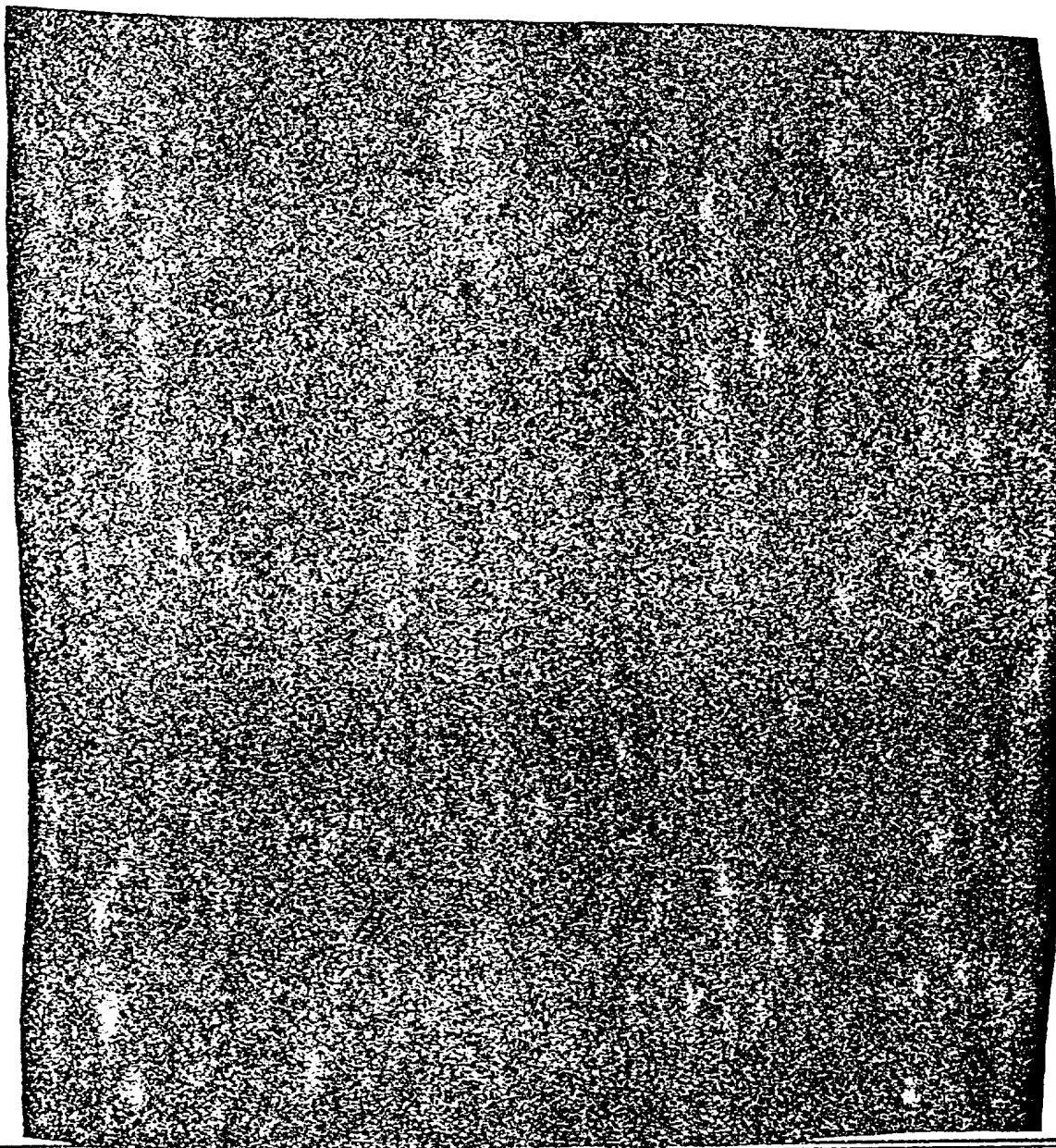
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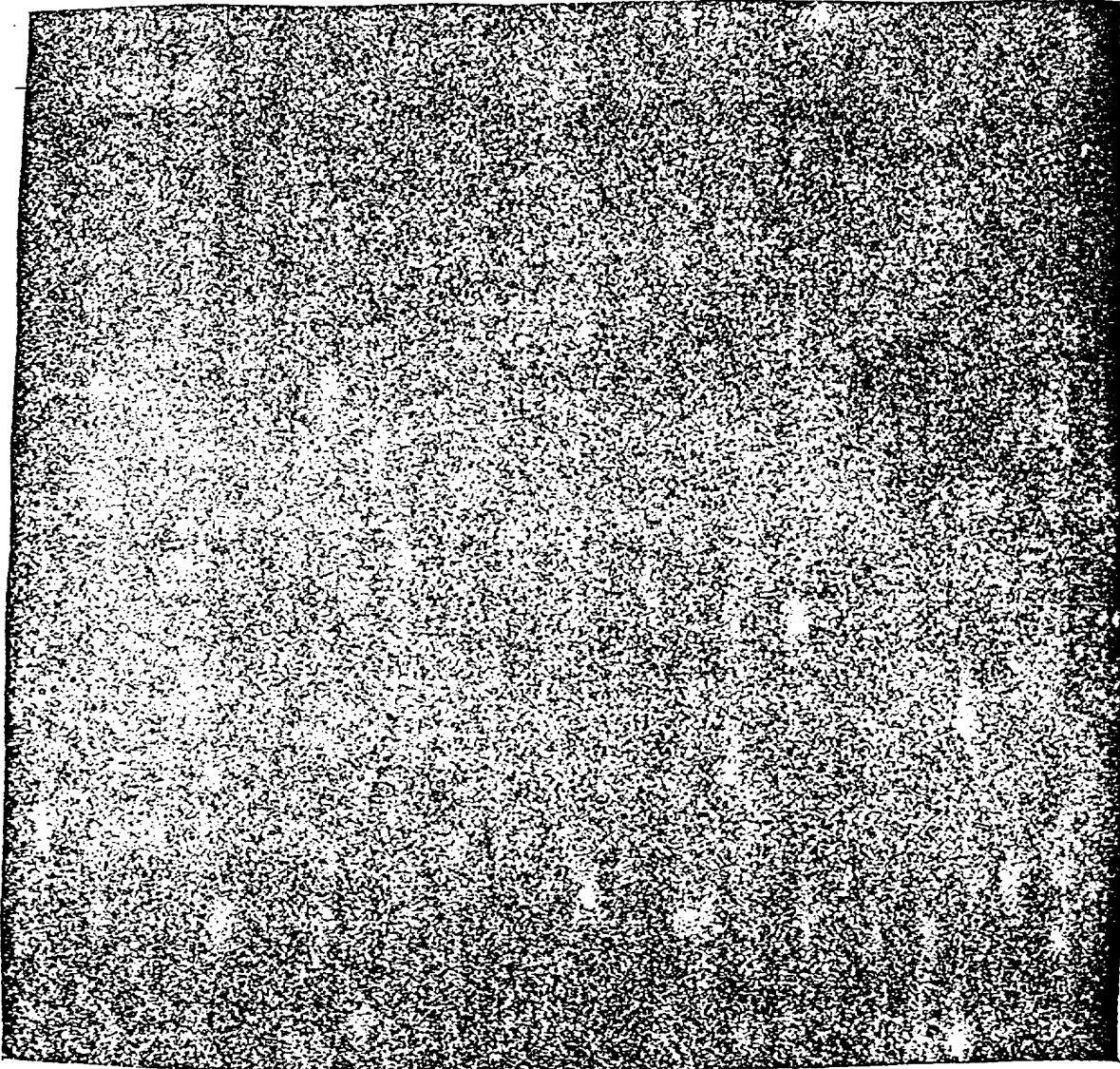
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Political Developments

Turkish Official Returns from European Visits

Turkish Minister of State Inan returned today from meetings in Britain, France, and Spain, according to press reports. Inan

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discussed with Western officials Ankara's views on the Gulf crisis, relations with the EC, and Europe's "double standard" in its treatment of Turkey. Inan reportedly stressed the key role Turkey has taken in the Gulf crisis. He proposed that post-war Middle East planning concentrate on economic, technological, and industrial cooperation, rather than military rearmament.

Comment: Ankara complains that European states recognize Turkey as a member of the West European military alliance but bar it from full participation in political and economic cooperation schemes. Ankara wants to remind the Europeans of the contributions and risks it has taken to assist coalition war efforts in the hope of gaining political and economic acceptance in Europe. Ankara's request for post-war Middle East economic, technological, and industrial cooperation likely reflects Turkey's reluctance to see neighboring Iraq rearmament.

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