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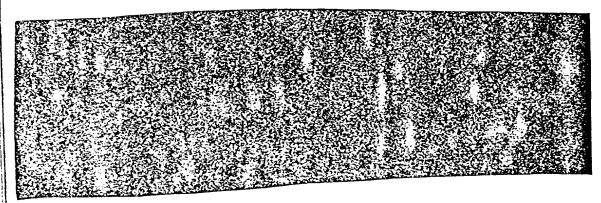
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## SPOT COMMENTARY



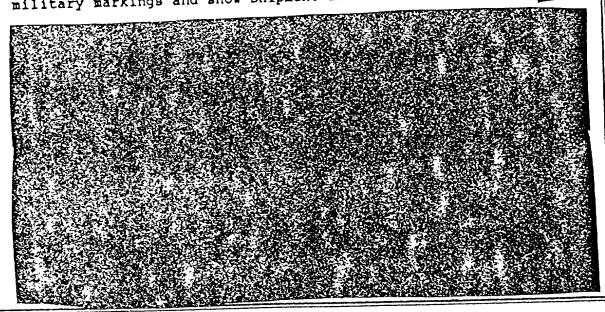
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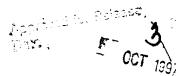


Jordan Denies Violating UN Arms Embargo

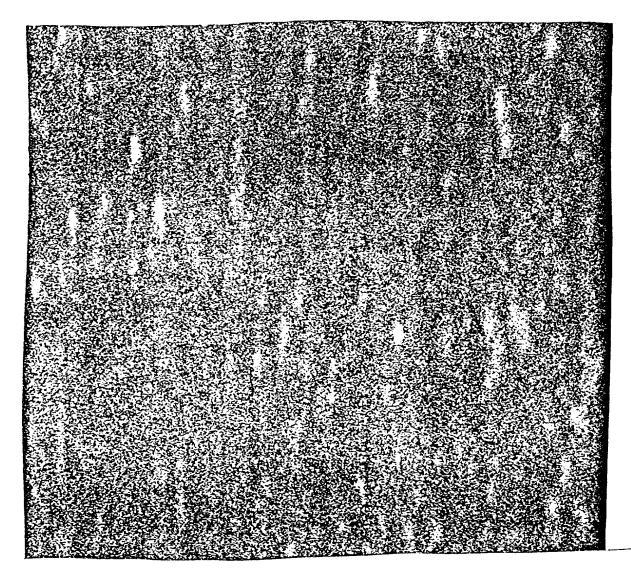
Jordanian officials today denied sending ammunition to Iraq since its invasion of Kuwait, according to Jordanian press reports. The officials claimed the ammunition reportedly captured by coalition forces in Kuwait and southern Iraq probably came from a shipment of Chinese munitions purchased by Jordan for Iraq in 1981 and delivered via Saudi Arabia. Press reports indicate that the captured boxes of ammunition bear Jordanian military markings and show shipment dates in January 1991.



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## Political Developments

## Iraq Officially Capitulates

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz sent a letter dated today to the President of the UN Security Council announcing Baghdad's willingness "to comply fully with UNSC resolution 660 and all other UN security council resolutions," according to the US Mission to the UN.





## Recent Indian Moves on the Gulf

New Delhi has set up a government committee to identify reconstruction project opportunities for Indian firms in Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait, according to press. Many Indian companies have long-standing connections in the Gulf that they will use to bid for sub-contracting jobs.

Comment: New Delhi hopes Baghdad will be receptive to its reconstruction proposals. Although India attempted to appear neutral during the Persian Gulf conflict, its support for Soviet peace initiatives and failure to contribute military forces have soured relations with some coalition members. Kuwaiti government officials have already indicated New Delhi will not be awarded contracts for reconstruction projects.

