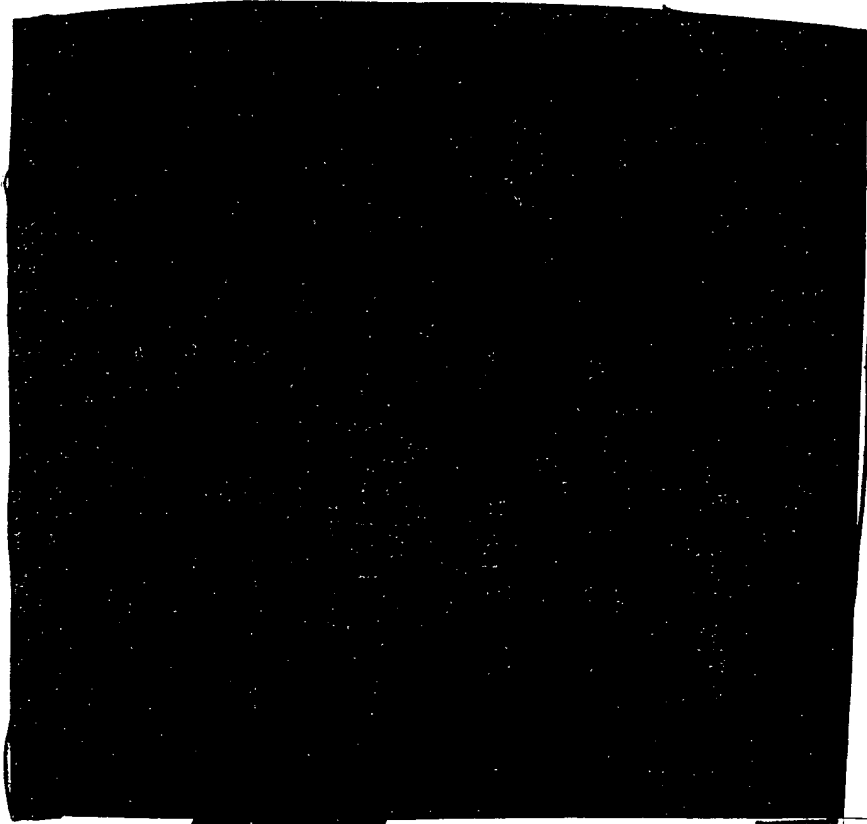


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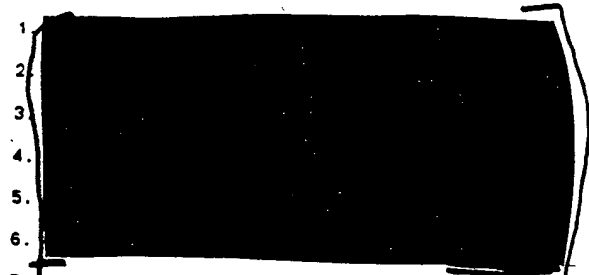


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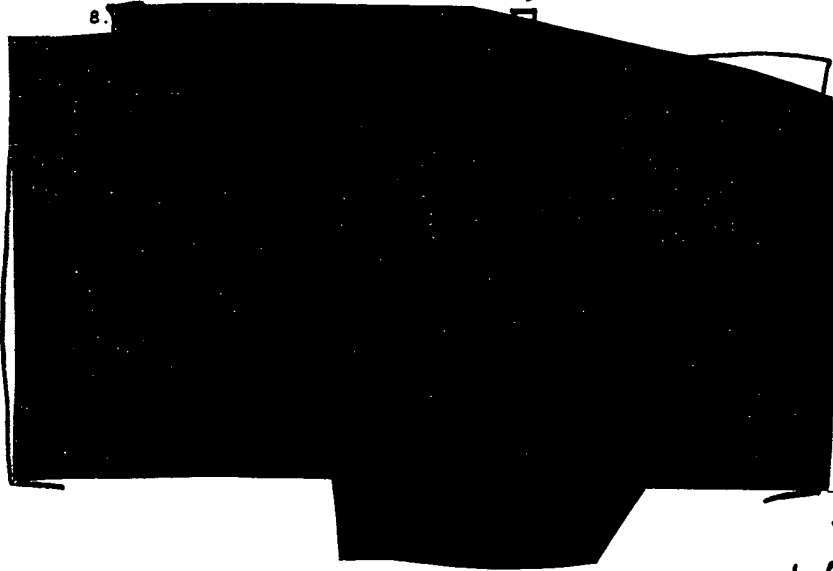
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[REDACTED] SENIOR INDIAN OFFICIALS ARE ANGRY WITH THE FAILURE BY THE US TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPORT OF SPARE PARTS FOR THE TARAPUR NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR THAT ARE AVAILABLE ONLY FROM THE ORIGINAL US VENDOR.

[REDACTED] INDIAN PRESS REPORTS ALLEGE THAT THE DELAY BY THE US HAS CONTRIBUTED TO A HEALTH HAZARD AT TARAPUR. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: //THE REPROCESSING AND SPARE PARTS ISSUES THREATEN TO DISSIPATE THE GOOD WILL ACCRUING TO PRIME MINISTER GANDHI'S VISIT TO THE US LAST SUMMER. INDIAN PROponents OF GREATER NUCLEAR INDEPENDENCE ARE LIKELY TO USE THE SPARE PARTS ISSUE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR OPPOSITION TO INDIA'S ACCEPTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS. INDIA PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO REPROCESS SPENT FUEL FROM THE TARAPUR REACTOR BEFORE EARLY NEXT YEAR BECAUSE THE ONLY REPROCESSING PLANT IS FULLY COMMITTED UNTIL THEN.// [REDACTED]

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