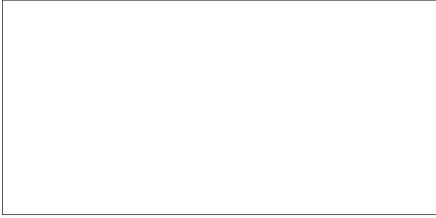


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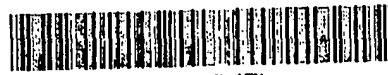


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CHINA: Protests Threaten Tibet Negotiations

The Dalai Lama's government-in-exile yesterday issued a strong protest against the imposition of martial law in Tibet and reiterated its offer to negotiate a settlement. The Tibetan Youth Congress, a group of younger radical exiles, is calling for complete independence.

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[Redacted] Chinese troops are making mass arrests, according to press reports. [Redacted]

Comment: The latest protests in Tibet probably have played into the hands of hardliners on both sides. The Tibetan Youth Congress, and even members of his own cabinet, may try to press the Dalai Lama to break off contacts with Beijing and whip up public support in Western capitals for Tibetan independence by staging protests tomorrow on the anniversary of the 1959 Tibetan uprising. Hardliners in Beijing may push to extend military control over Lhasa indefinitely. [Redacted]

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