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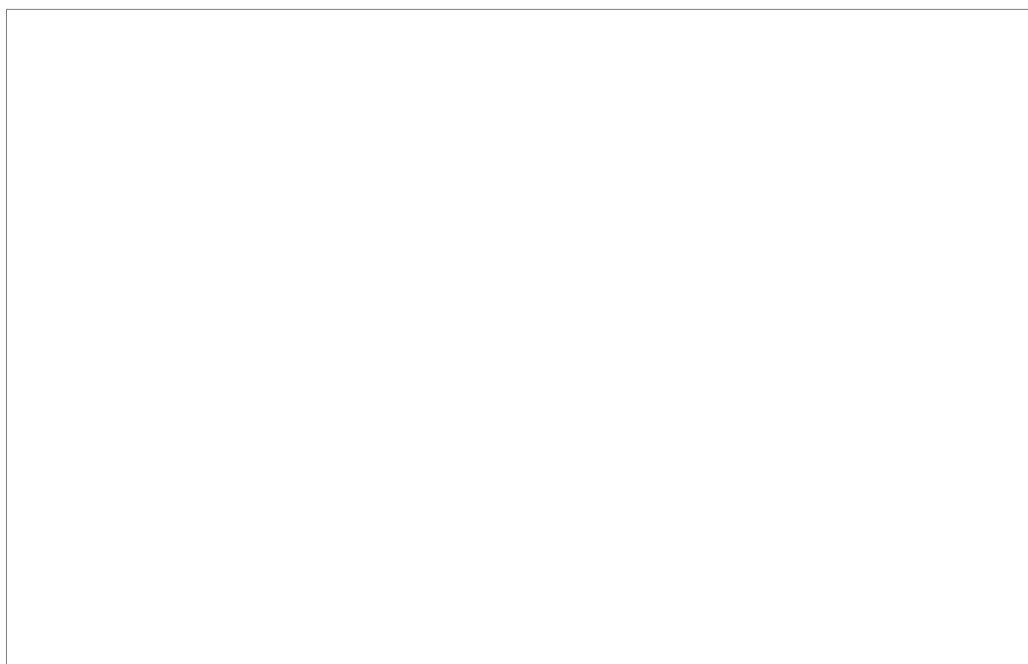
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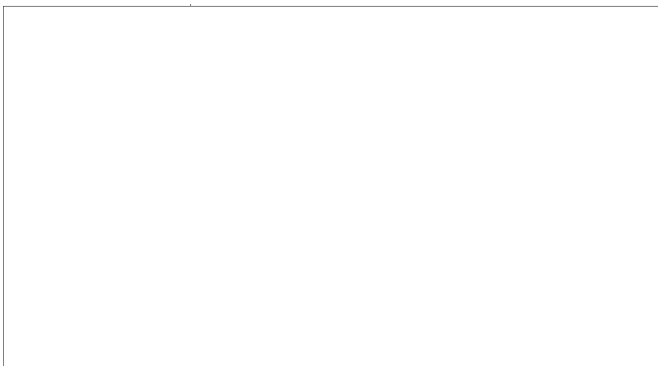
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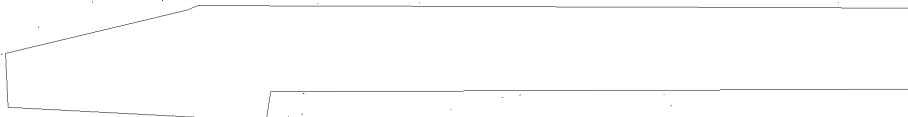


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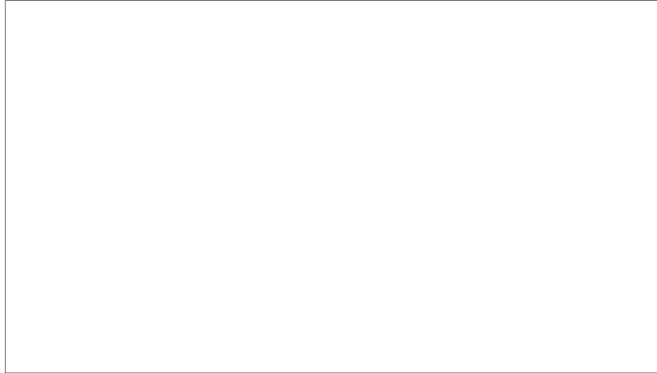


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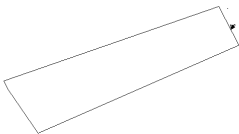
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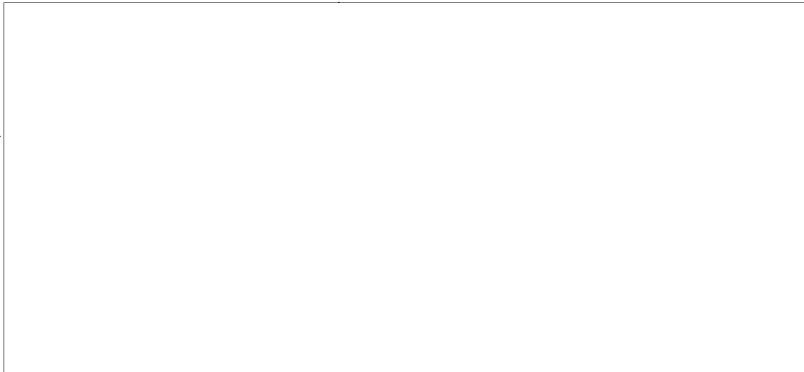
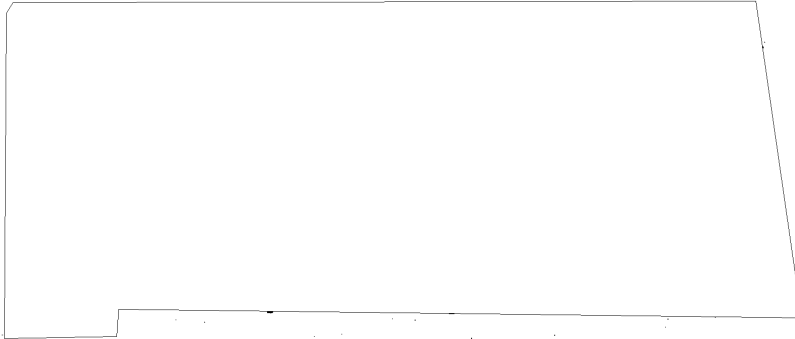
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In a widely disseminated article last week calling for more moderation in educational reform, the party theoretical journal Red Flag condemned adherents of the May 16 Corps, an ultraleftist Red Guard organization, for trying to block the regime's efforts in 1968 to restore order in the factionally troubled Tsinghua University. This is Peking's first public reference to a behind-the-scenes investigation of the May 16 Corps, an inquiry that has been exacerbating tensions within the ruling politburo for nearly two years.

*The article apparently is intended to signal that the political influence of the more radical leaders on the politburo, which previously had appeared paramount in the educational areas, has taken yet another downward turn. The problem of the May 16 Corps has been discussed in closed party sessions for some months, and the open reference to the Corps apparently follows a decision by Peking to exploit the affair to dramatize its repudiation of political extremism, past and present, across the full spectrum of domestic and foreign policy.*

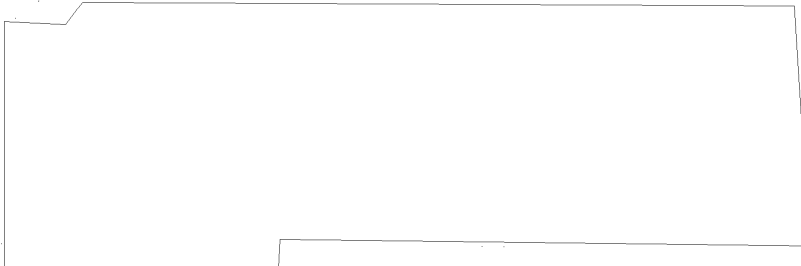
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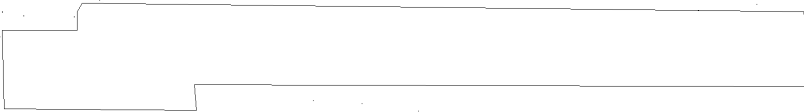
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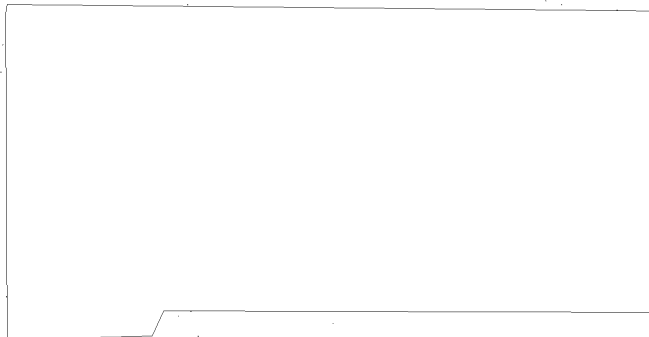
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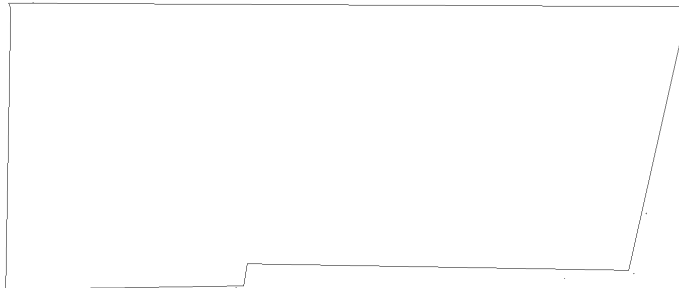
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The meeting last weekend between Makarios and Greek Prime Minister Papadopoulos left their many differences over an approach to a Cyprus settlement completely unresolved. Greek Deputy Foreign Minister Palamas told Ambassador Tasca that the visit did not go well and in fact fully exposed the differences between the two governments. When Makarios discounted the possibility of Turkish intervention, Papadopoulos is said to have warned that if he provoked Ankara he would be on his own.

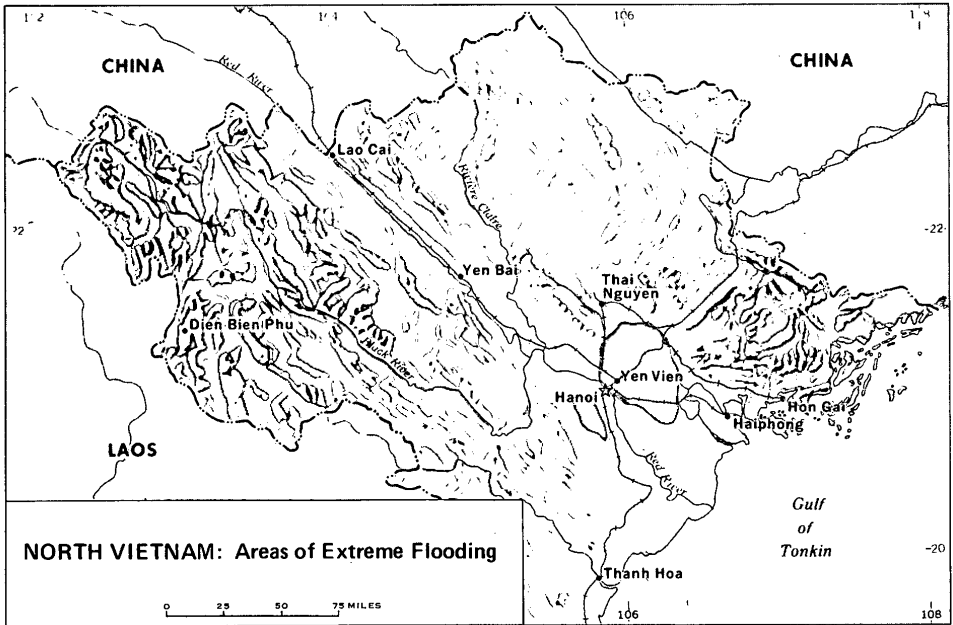
*As noted in The President's Daily Brief Annex of 30 July, Athens fears that Makarios' ability to dig in could cause a complete breakdown in Greco-Turkish relations. Greek leaders particularly resent his unwillingness to show any flexibility in the extended intercommunal talks on the island over Turkish Cypriot rights. Athens' very toughness with Makarios, however, could itself raise the temperature on Cyprus closer to the boiling point.*

Palamas expressed continuing concern that Makarios might try to involve the Soviet Union in the dispute. He anticipates that the Cypriots will soon approach U Thant to seek some form of greater UN role, despite Ankara's known opposition to any UN mediation. Palamas added that he, too, planned to discuss the problem with Thant during his coming visit to New York.

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At the same time, Palamas reaffirmed that Athens is intent on preventing Turkey from "solving" the problem through unilateral military action. Palamas complained of Ankara's failure to reciprocate recent friendly Greek gestures, and cited divergent approaches of the Turkish Foreign Ministry and the Turkish military, which he believes fully approves troublesome actions in recent months by the Turkish military contingent on the island. Palamas expressed puzzlement over what the Turks would propose in scheduled talks with Greek officials in New York later this month preceding the UN General Assembly.



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NORTH VIETNAM

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Aerial photography of 30 August confirms that severe flooding has occurred in the delta area surrounding Hanoi. Transportation is disrupted, with cuts in all rail lines connecting Hanoi with China, the port of Haiphong, and the panhandle of North Vietnam.

*The floods presumably have held up transport of supplies to southern North Vietnam, but military stockpiles in the southern provinces should enable the North Vietnamese to offset any temporary disruption. There has been some seasonal flooding in the southern provinces as well, but an intercepted message of 2 September indicates a "new system" had been used to transport supplies from a transshipment point for Laos.*

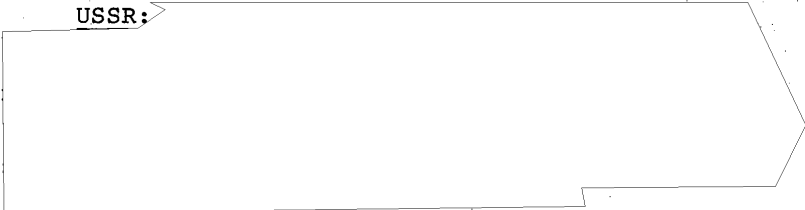
*In the longer run, agriculture may suffer most severely--this year's major rice crop had already been planted. However, we expect most losses to be made up by increased food shipments from China and the USSR.*

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USSR: Moscow is preparing to propose a world disarmament conference to deal with both conventional and nuclear weapons--an idea included in Brezhnev's "peace program" last March. A UN spokesman told the press yesterday that the Soviets had proposed a special item on the subject for the coming General Assembly session. China's torpedoing of Moscow's recommended five-power nuclear conference likely contributed to this latest initiative. The Soviets may intend their proposal to place Moscow on record as acceding to Peking's call for a world conference on abolishing nuclear weapons while placing responsibility for the next move on the Chinese.

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