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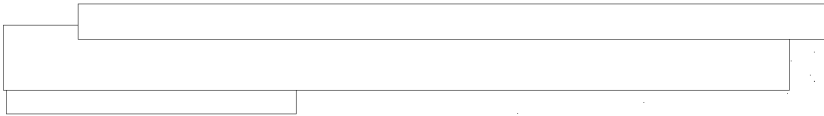
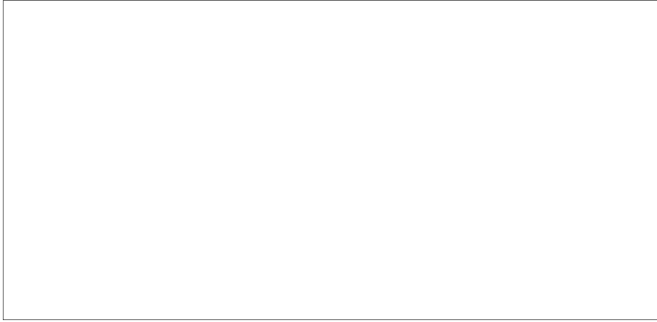
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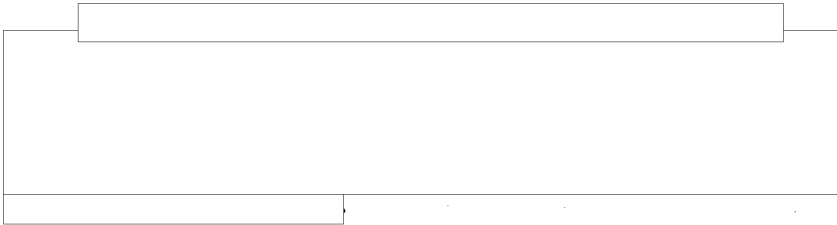
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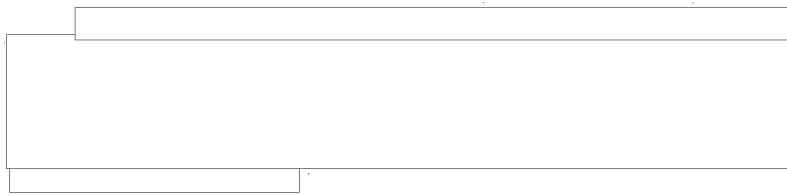
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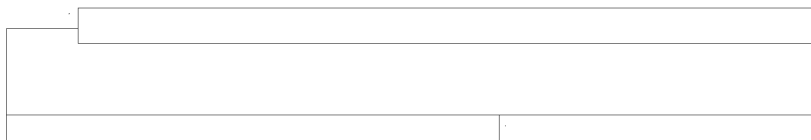
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BRAZIL - UN - MIDDLE EAST

Brasilia may go beyond its recently stated call for the removal of Israeli forces from occupied territories when Foreign Minister Silveira speaks to the UN on Monday. He reportedly will call for establishment of a separate Palestinian state.

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The US embassy in Brasilia has noted that during the recent visit of the Saudi Arabian foreign minister, Silveira failed to mention UN Resolution 242 in expressing support for an Israeli withdrawal. This apparently deliberate omission has provoked speculation that Brazil may call for reimposition of the 1947 UN partition resolution that would divide Palestine into separate Arab and Israeli states. When queried on this point by the US ambassador, Silveira did not exclude a return to the "original" boundaries.

Some members of the Brazilian government and military establishment reportedly distrust Silveira and he may not, in fact, have wide backing for his proposed statement at the UN.

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Laos - North Vietnam: Hanoi reportedly has agreed to construct a road network from northern Laos to the seaport of Vinh in southern North Vietnam during the next year or so. The project apparently will involve primarily the upgrading of an existing route. Hanoi, however, is to provide workers, funds, and material. Implementation of the agreement would help legitimize North Vietnam's presence in Laos and could be used by Hanoi as one means of continuing to keep troops there under the guise of construction workers. The agreement was negotiated by Soth Phetrasy, the coalition's communist economic minister who is heading up the Lao government's first aid-seeking mission to Asian communist countries.

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China: The Chinese leadership is obviously interested in having ailing Premier Chou En-lai meet foreign visitors when his health permits, and yesterday he received Mrs. Marcos, wife of the Philippine President, in a hospital. Chou's return to the hospital--he was first hospitalized in June and subsequently released--indicates that he is still very ill. Chou had previously missed meetings with three heads of state; his appearance on this occasion supports other evidence that his health is better and attests to the importance China attaches to improvement of relations with the Philippines.

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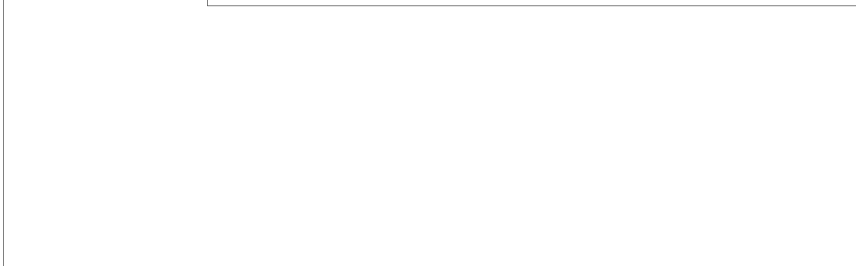


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USSR-Egypt: Moscow reportedly is prepared to honor Cairo's long-standing contract for MIG-23s, but President Sadat may reject the offer. Within the last month the Soviets have delivered two shiploads of spare parts and ammunition. By holding out the promise of the MIG-23s, Moscow may be hoping to whet the appetite of the Egyptian military for continued supplies of Soviet equipment and offset Egyptian interest in buying arms from France and the UK. Sadat may refuse the MIG-23s because the Egyptian air force prefers to acquire French Mirage-5s--an aircraft roughly similar to the MIG-23. The air force would like to get some high-altitude MIG-25s from the USSR.

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