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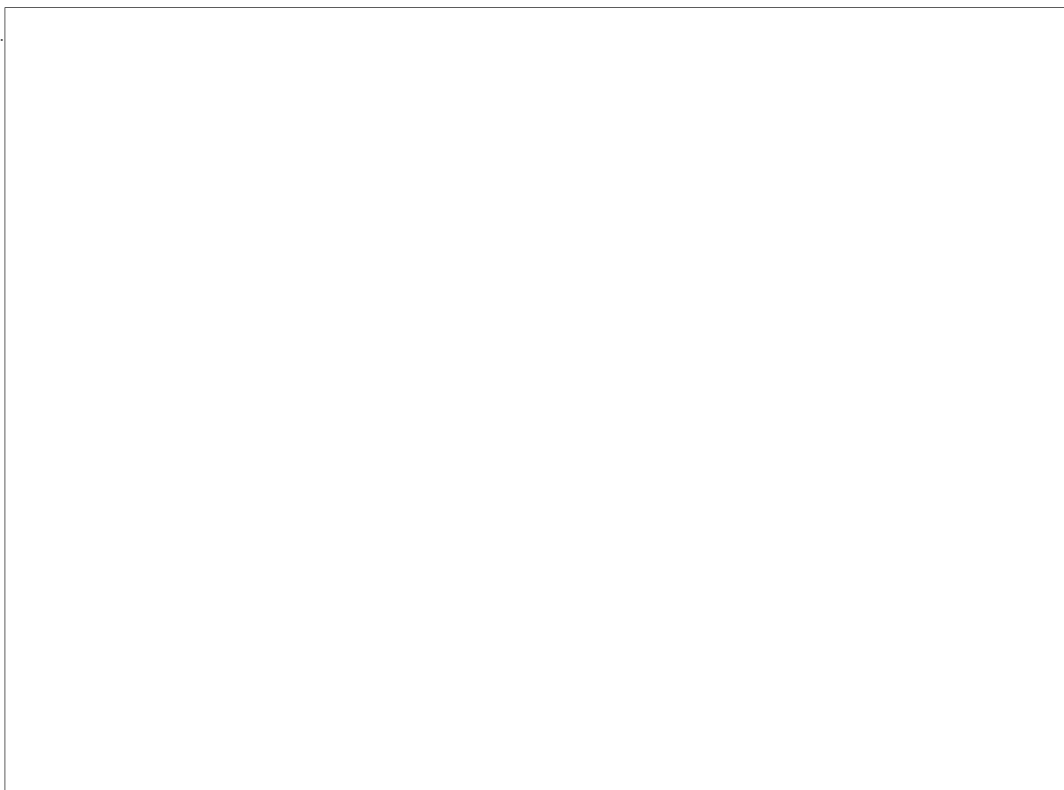
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South Africa: *Activity at Nuclear Test Site* 4



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SOUTH AFRICA: Activity at Nuclear Test Site

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[Redacted] The activity is not located at a test hole that was left behind when the Kalahari site was deactivated in 1978 under considerable international pressure. [Redacted]

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Since that hole could be made ready for use in a matter of weeks, the South Africans probably would re-open it if they wanted to conduct an underground nuclear test. Preparation of a new hole would take much longer.

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There have been no indications of the South Africans' thinking on nuclear weapons for the last two or three years. Their continuing need for significant foreign assistance in the nuclear power field, however, would strongly militate against their conducting a detectable test at this time. [Redacted]

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