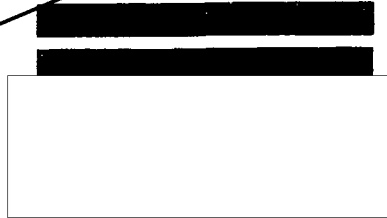


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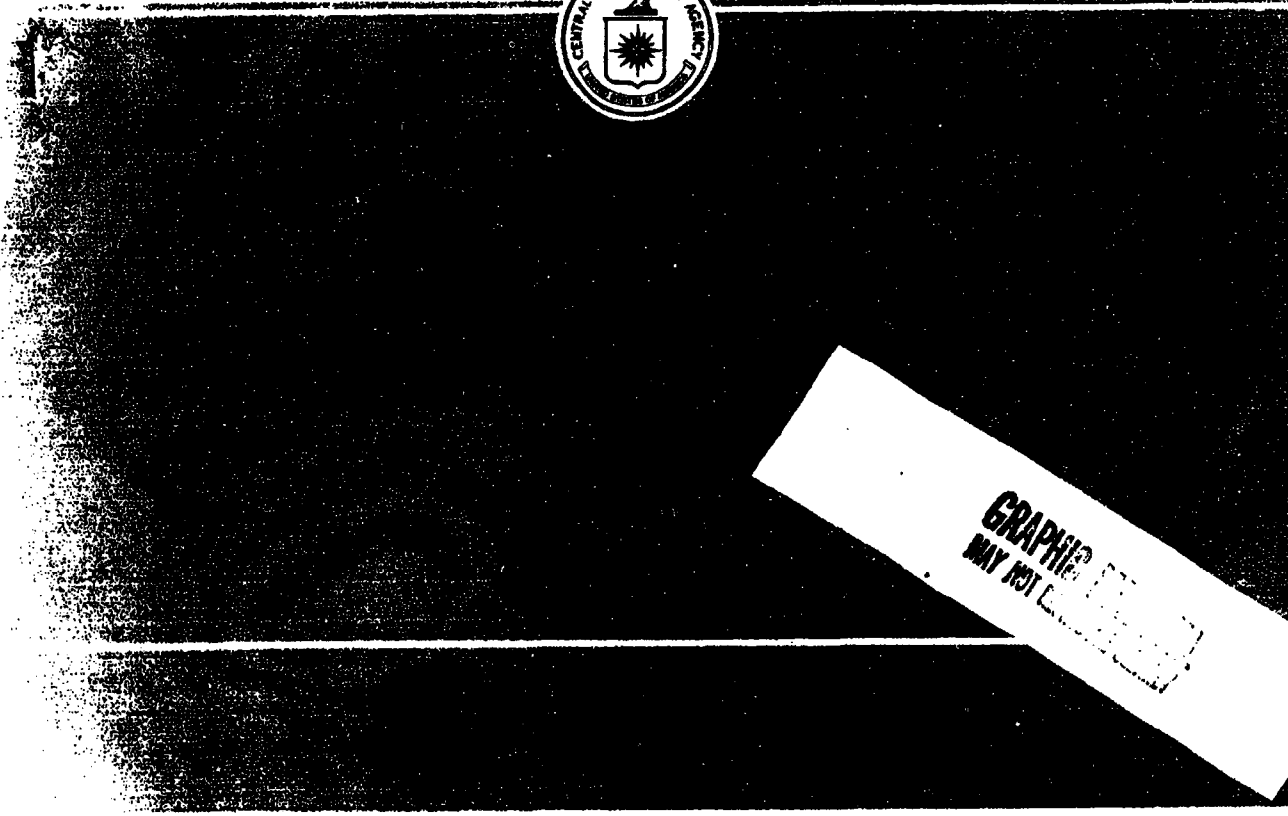
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East Asia

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— Japanese trade surplus up last month, strong yen boosting export earnings, sluggish economy reducing imports . . . surplus this year \$88 billion already, exceeds 1986 record . . . by yearend will near \$110 billion, 40 percent with US. [Redacted]

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— South Korean presidential election set for Friday, 18 December, press reports say . . . opposition fears young supporters may take long weekend, not vote . . . ruling-party candidate Kim Young Sam widely considered frontrunner in close contest. [Redacted]

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Eurasia

— Chechen President Dudayev yesterday urged public to drive Russian troops out of republic . . . keeping up rhetoric against Moscow . . . Chechen army outgunned, border incidents possible. [Redacted]

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— Russian CFE negotiator last week proposed more flexibility on methods used to eliminate treaty-limited equipment . . . intended to lower costs, speed destruction . . . except for Soviet successor states most signatories probably opposed. [Redacted]

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— Moscow, Minsk reportedly agree on schedule for withdrawal of ICBMs from Belarus by December 1994 . . . talks with Kazakhstan continue . . . Russia probably hopes agreements will press Ukraine to fulfill nuclear-free commitment. [Redacted]

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— Miners in town of Donetsk, Ukraine, plan one-day warning strike today, all-out walkout starting Tuesday if law to restrict workers' rights passes . . . first test of Prime Minister Kuchma's effort to halt economic slide. [Redacted]

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— Yel'tsin yesterday ordered all Russian agencies to clear international activities with Foreign Ministry . . . recently exhorted Ministry to become interagency leader . . . various officials protesting, want supraministerial coordination. [Redacted]

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Americas

— Guatemalan constitutional court has narrowly upheld President Serrano's recognition of Belize. says congressional ratification now necessary . . . [Redacted]

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