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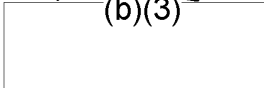
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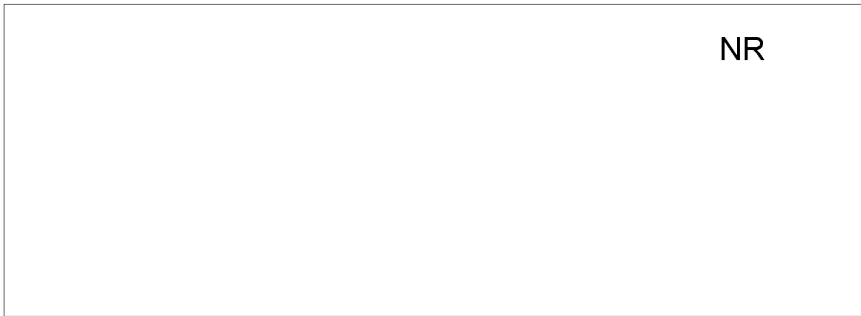
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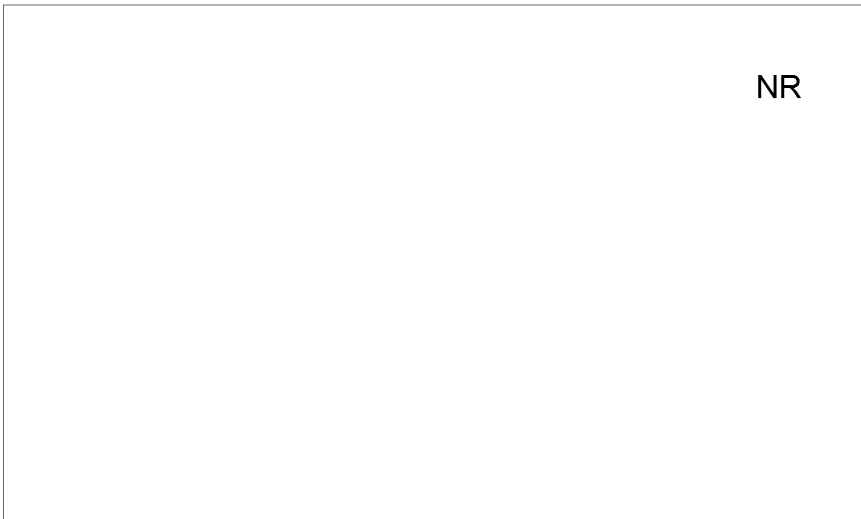
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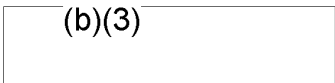
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SWEDEN: Palme Assassination

Prime Minister Olof Palme was assassinated yesterday in Stockholm by an unknown assailant, possibly with one or more accomplices. Some Swedish Cabinet members—including Deputy Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson—met in an emergency session early today. Carlsson will head an interim government at least until parliament reconvenes next week. The Swedish press initially quoted police sources as saying Croatian separatists were responsible, but the police chief in Stockholm later said there was no evidence the murder was political.

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Comment: The political situation is likely to remain unsettled for the next few days or even weeks as the Social Democratic Party begins to plan its future without the leadership of the popular and charismatic Palme. The opposition parties probably will restrain their usual criticism of domestic and foreign policies. Sweden's international stature in foreign affairs was directly attributable to Palme—who focused much of his attention on disarmament and Third World issues. Stockholm now will probably emphasize domestic concerns at least in the near term. (b)(3)

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