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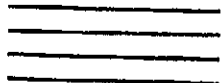
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China: 40th Nuclear Warhead Test at Lop Nur

The test at Lop Nur yesterday was the second and probably last of the year.

A test that [] was postponed in August, three scheduled tests, and a recently planned [] test remain in the program China plans before it accedes to a comprehensive test ban: To date, the Chinese have conducted no more than two underground nuclear tests per year, *but they probably could conduct as many as three next year.*

— The Chinese have said they want to complete research on warhead design concepts and on development of missile systems before they consider the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. []