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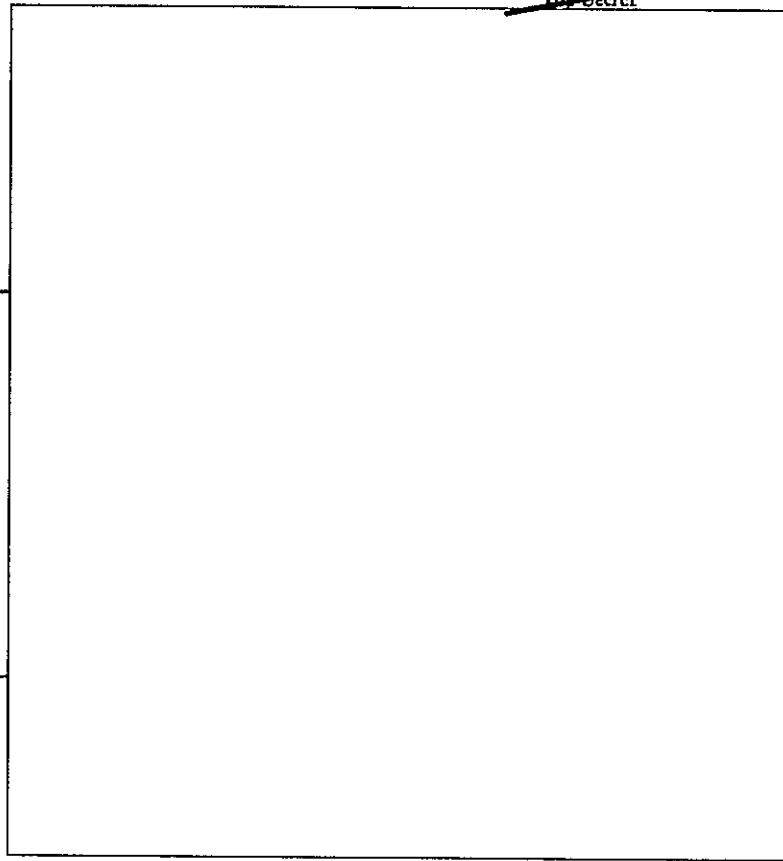
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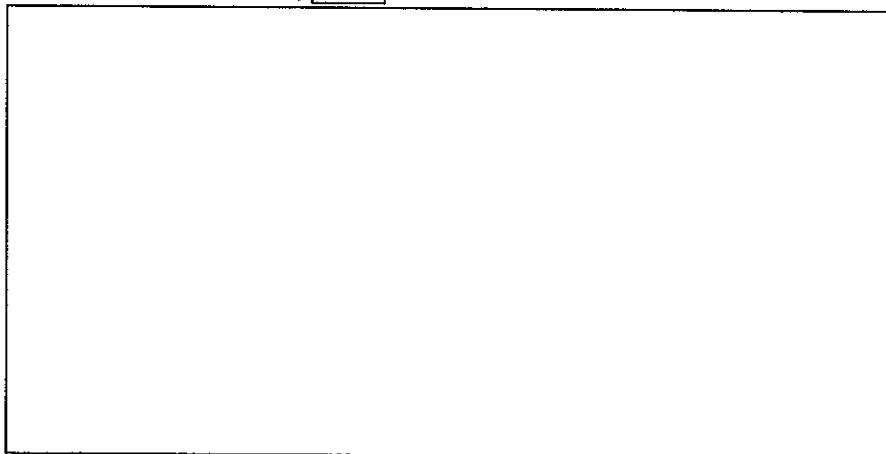
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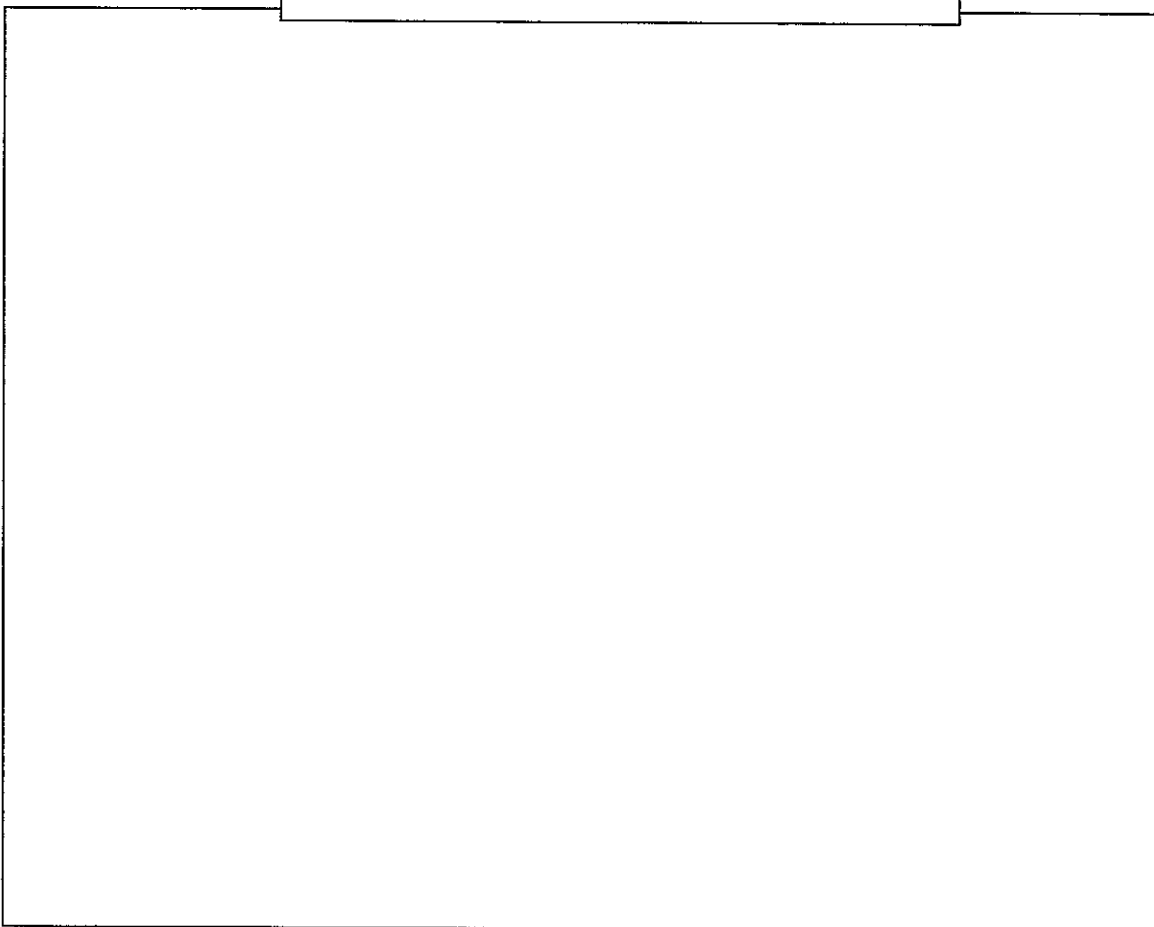
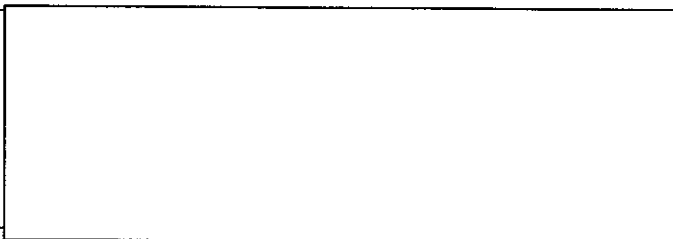
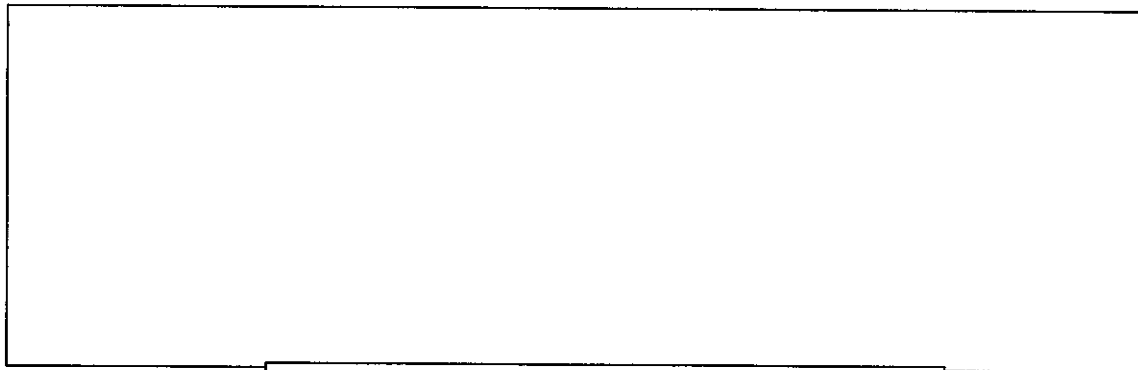
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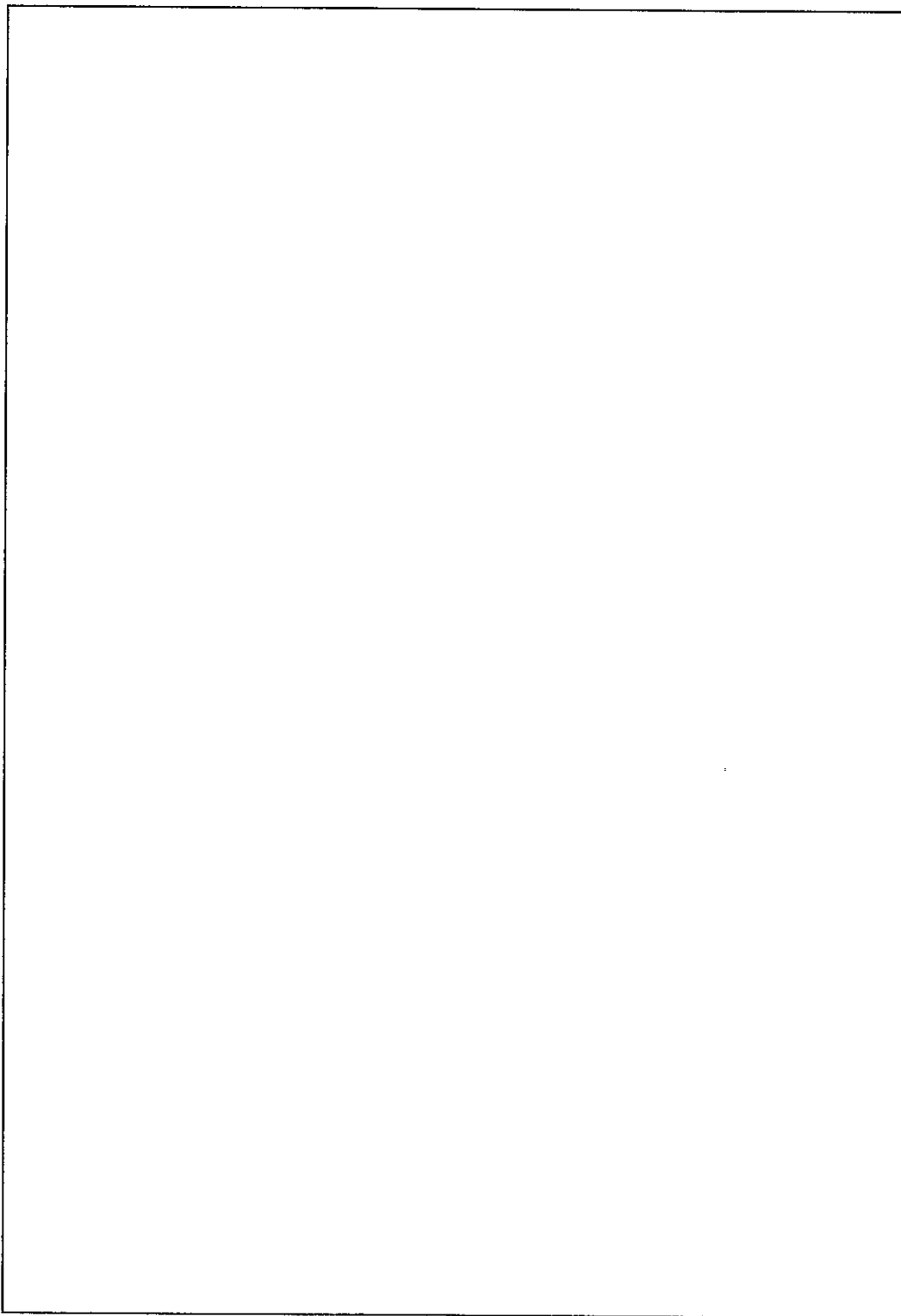


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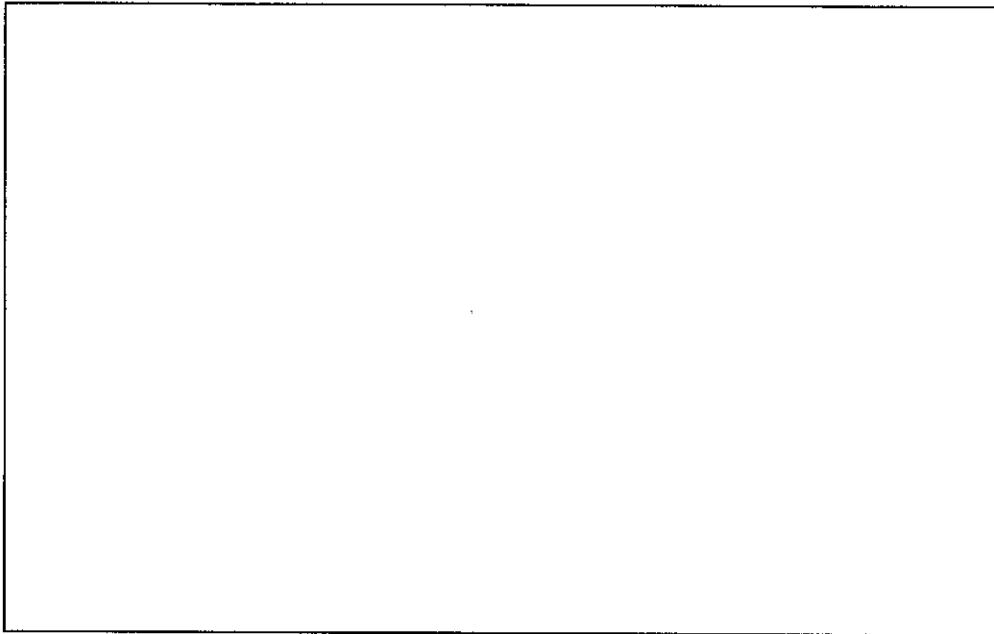
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China's Nuclear Test Program Facing Delays [redacted]

[redacted] China's nuclear test program is facing delays that could set back China's adherence to a proposed Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). [redacted]

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Chinese nuclear testing probably will continue into 1996:

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- China has averaged one to two tests per year. We assess that China could conduct at least three nuclear tests in 1995 and two in 1996.

The planned tests are part of China's nuclear weapon modernization program. This program includes the completion of warhead development for new intercontinental and submarine-launched ballistic missiles and the development of technologies to enhance confidence in warheads that are planned for an enduring stockpile under a nuclear test ban. [redacted]

If China completes its modernization objectives, Beijing probably will support concluding a CTBT that enters into force after 1996. A failure or delay of the remaining tests, however, could result in additional tests and further delay China's adherence to a CTBT. [redacted]

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