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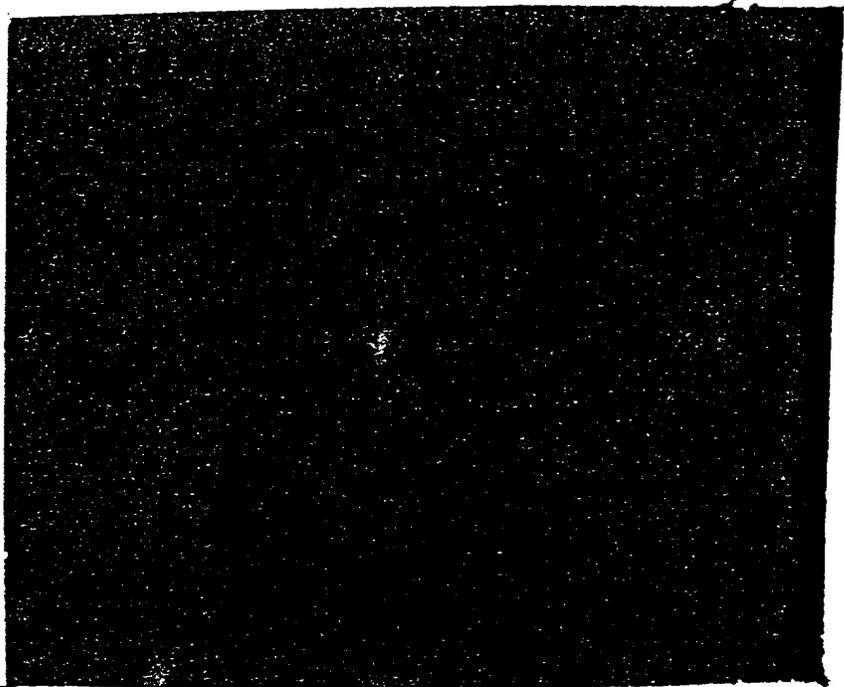
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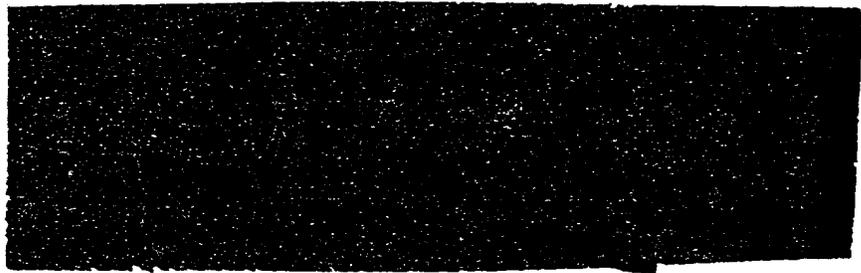
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Pakistan Negotiating With Niger for Uranium: Pakistan [REDACTED] has entered into negotiations with Niger for the purchase of uranium. Pakistan reportedly plans to have the uranium fabricated into fuel, possibly by a third country. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The uranium is undoubtedly intended to provide fuel for the Karachi Nuclear Power Plant (KANUPP) reactor. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Pakistan is looking elsewhere because of its unwillingness to accept Canada's more stringent policy on the export of nuclear equipment and materials. Under the new policy--effective January 1, 1977--Canada limits the sale of uranium to states that have ratified the Non-Proliferation Treaty or have accepted IAEA safeguards on their entire nuclear program. Pakistan has done neither, and negotiations between Pakistan and Canada have been stalled.

If Pakistan intends to use Niger uranium to replace Canadian fuel, shipments must begin soon because the KANUPP reactor will need a new supply of fuel by mid-1977. Delays could result in reduced power output or a complete shutdown of the reactor, which normally supplies about 25 percent of Karachi's electrical power needs. Niger has told other prospective uranium buyers that initial shipments could not begin before 1980, but Pakistan may have been assured that it would be considered for more timely shipments. [REDACTED]

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