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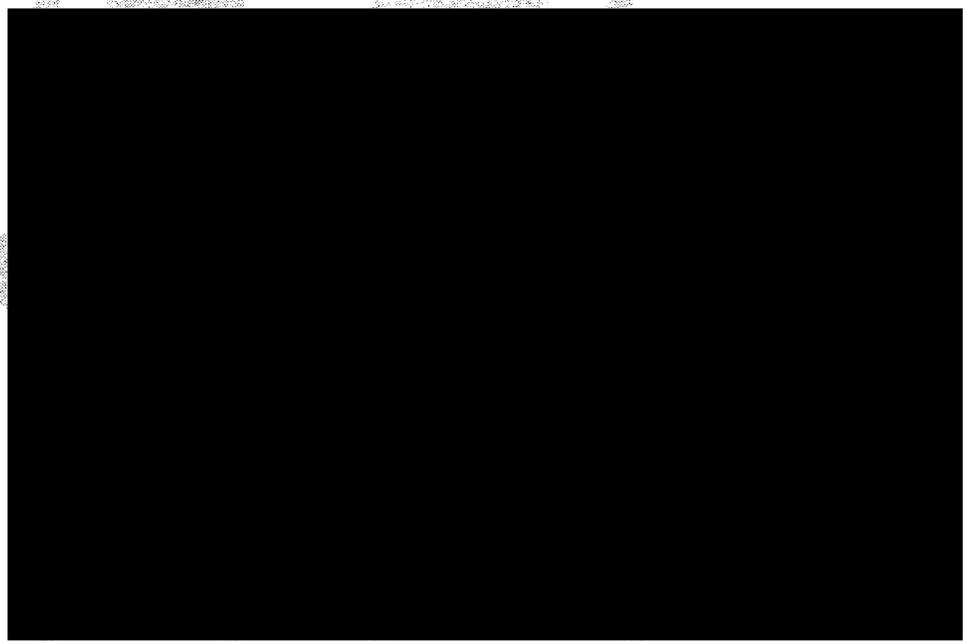
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USSR-AFRICA: Disinformation Activities

[redacted] Zimbabwean Prime Minister Mugabe has approved plans to release, on the eve of the Nonaligned summit next month in Harare "proof" of a US-South African plot to assassinate him. Zimbabwe's security service recently received an apparent Soviet forgery alleging US-South African complicity on a number of issues. Meanwhile, an Indian newspaper often used by Moscow for disinformation has reported that the US, acting through Pretoria, may try to sabotage the summit. [redacted]

Comment: There is no direct evidence the Soviets are behind the assassination plot story, but they have long tried to encourage Mugabe's suspicions of US intentions in southern Africa. They have also been making a concerted effort to discredit the US prior to the Nonaligned summit. [redacted]

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