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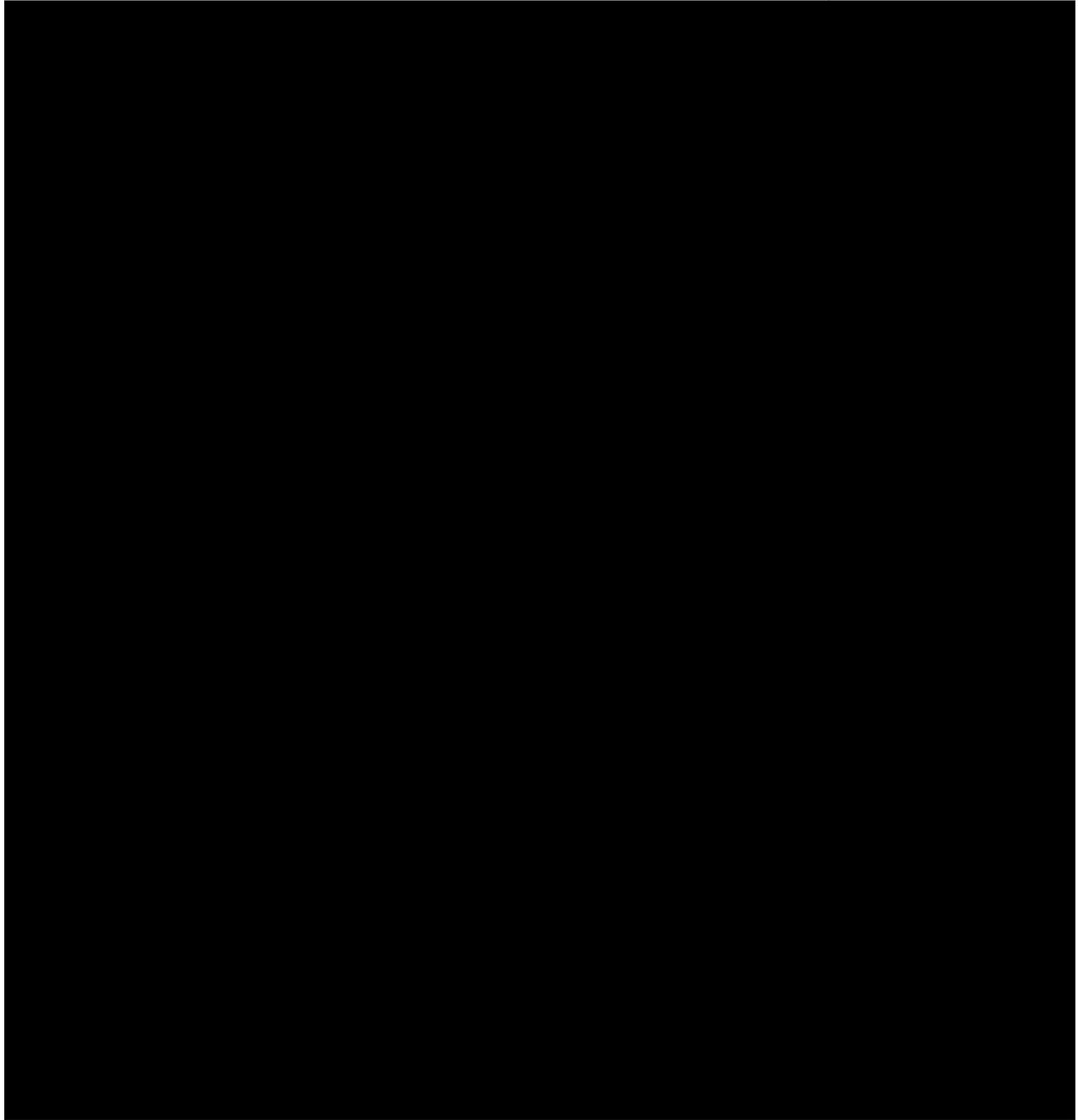
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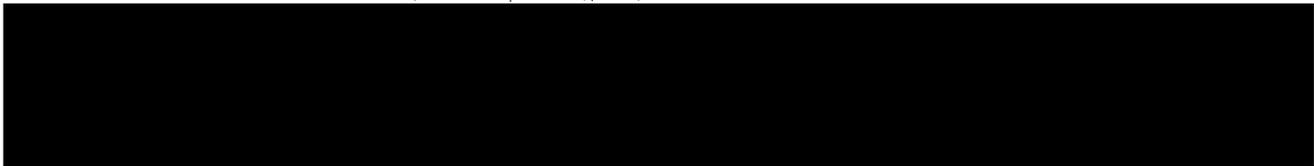
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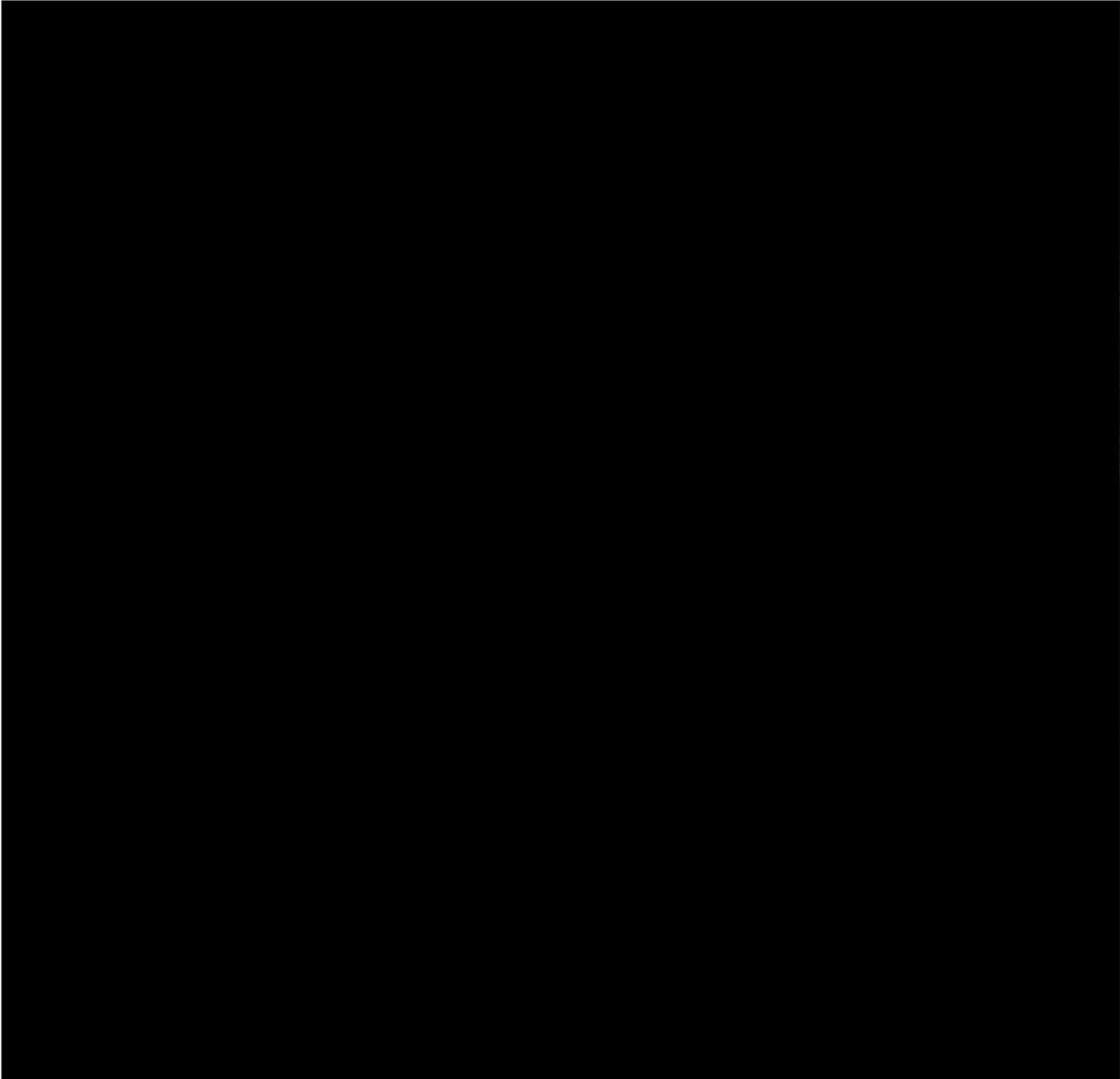
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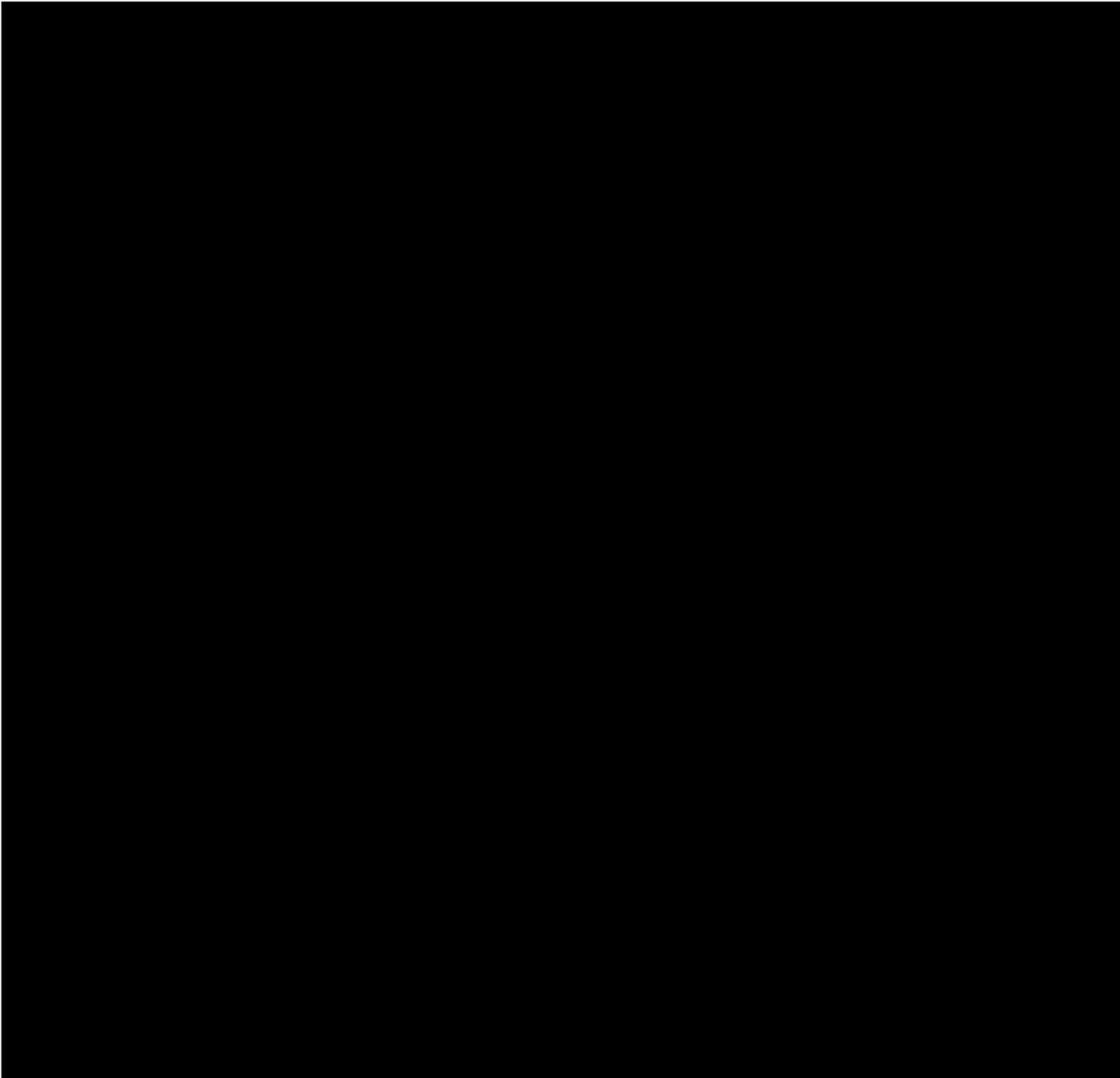
Top Chinese and Soviet leaders have restated their commitment to the Peking talks, but officials on both sides state flatly that no significant progress has been made.



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## SINO-SOVIET TALKS REMAIN ON DEAD CENTER

Top Chinese and Soviet leaders have again expressed their intention to continue the Peking talks despite the lack of significant progress during the past six months. The talks have apparently been in recess since the departure of chief Soviet negotiator Kuznetsov for the Lenin centenary celebrations in Moscow, but he probably will return to Peking shortly to resume the discussions.

Chairman Mao, in an apparently cordial conversation at the Peking May Day ceremonies, told the deputy head of the Soviet delegation that China wished the talks to resume "as soon as possible" and gently prodded the Soviets as to when Kuznetsov would return. Soviet Premier Kosygin, in his surprise news conference on 4 May, indicated that the Soviets plan to continue the talks, and voiced the opinion that both sides were interested in reaching a settlement.

Despite these relatively conciliatory comments, however, officials on both sides have flatly stated that no significant progress has yet been made. Kuznetsov himself told [REDACTED] that stories of Soviet troop withdrawal from the border were without foundation and that Moscow would not consider making such a move unilaterally.

In addition, the Chinese chargé in Moscow said in late April that Peking has not given agreement to Soviet Ambassador-designate Stepakov and has no present intention of appointing its own ambassador to Moscow. [REDACTED] has confirmed that Peking views the Stepakov appointment as a possible Soviet attempt to downgrade the negotiations. The Soviets, in turn, have indicated they may seek Chinese approval for shifting the talks to Moscow. Peking, however, will probably be reluctant to accede to such a move. [REDACTED]