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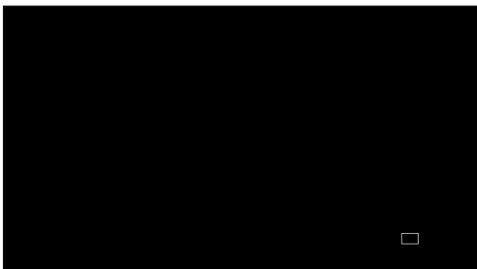
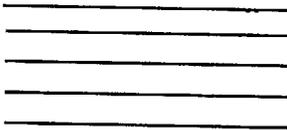
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China:

President's Visit to India Achieves Limited Gains [REDACTED]

President Jiang Zemin's visit to India this month—the first ever by a Chinese head of state—*affirmed the recent positive trend in bilateral ties but did little to address India's concerns about China's actions in the region.* The Presidents signed an agreement that commits both sides to seeking a settlement of their longstanding border disagreement, to avoiding the use of force, and to communicating military intentions in the disputed area.

— They also discussed greater bilateral cooperation and increased economic ties, [REDACTED] They also signed agreements concerning antidrug measures, maritime transport, and maintenance of an Indian Consulate in Hong Kong after reversion.

— The Indians reportedly raised China's nuclear and missile cooperation with Pakistan and military assistance to Burma. The Chinese asserted as usual that missile sales to Pakistan did not violate MTCR guidelines, reiterated claims that nuclear cooperation was peaceful, and "brushed aside" concerns about Burma, [REDACTED]

Despite glowing rhetoric surrounding the visit—Indian Prime Minister Deve Gowda publicly said the visit "opened a new era in bilateral relations"—neither side sees the border pact as a major breakthrough and much of it codifies practices on the border put in place over the past three years, [REDACTED]

— Indian political observers rejected Deve Gowda's claim and continued to express skepticism of Chinese intentions [REDACTED]
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