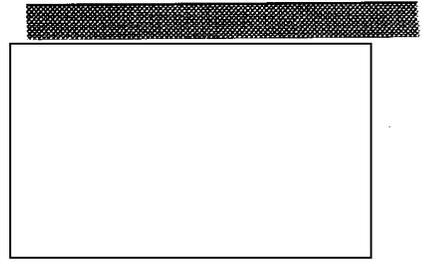




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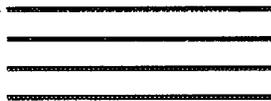
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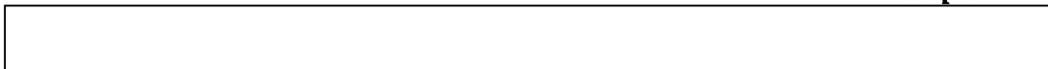
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Special Analysis

INTERNATIONAL: Nuclear Testing Ambiguities Arise 

Several countries recently have been active at nuclear test sites, probably in anticipation of the signing of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty this year. Some of these sites have not conducted tests in years.

- Of greatest concern are activities that are not announced or acknowledged by the testing party and could be subject to ambiguous interpretation.
- Such activities were observed at Chinese, Indian, and Russian test sites last year and could be a foretaste of future CTBT ambiguities.



Benefits Outweigh Risks for Beijing 



- The military would press for testing of any unproven weapons before a CTBT enters into force, and the government—by allowing the test—may reduce the military's opposition to a CTBT.

