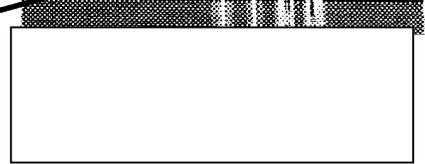




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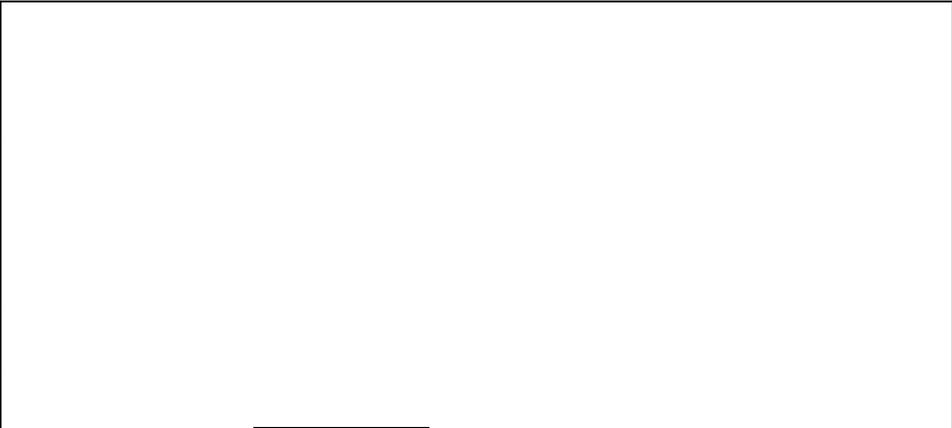
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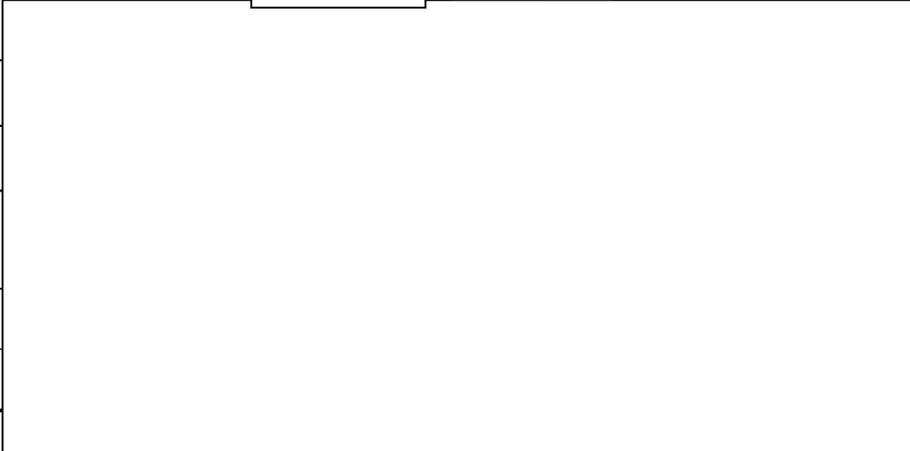
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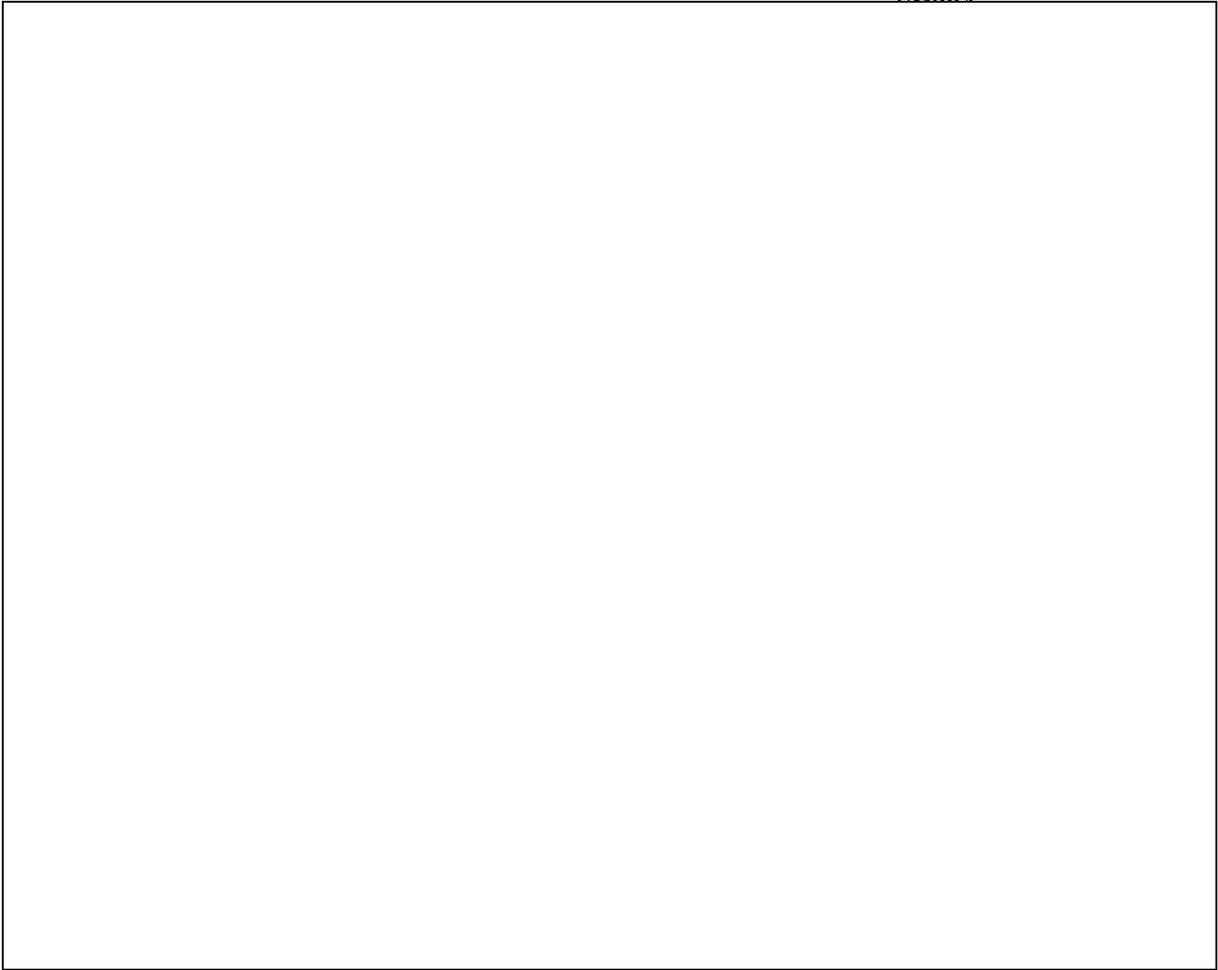
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China:

Nuclear Test



— *China has never succeeded in conducting as many as three underground tests in one year and will be pressed to meet this goal. This test apparently was delayed to come after the closing of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty conference tomorrow.*

— Last year Beijing delayed a scheduled nuclear test until after Washington decided on its most-favored-nation trading status. This year, a variety of reports indicate China is confident it will be granted MFN trading status.