

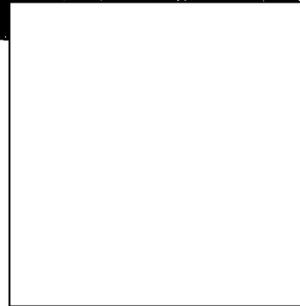
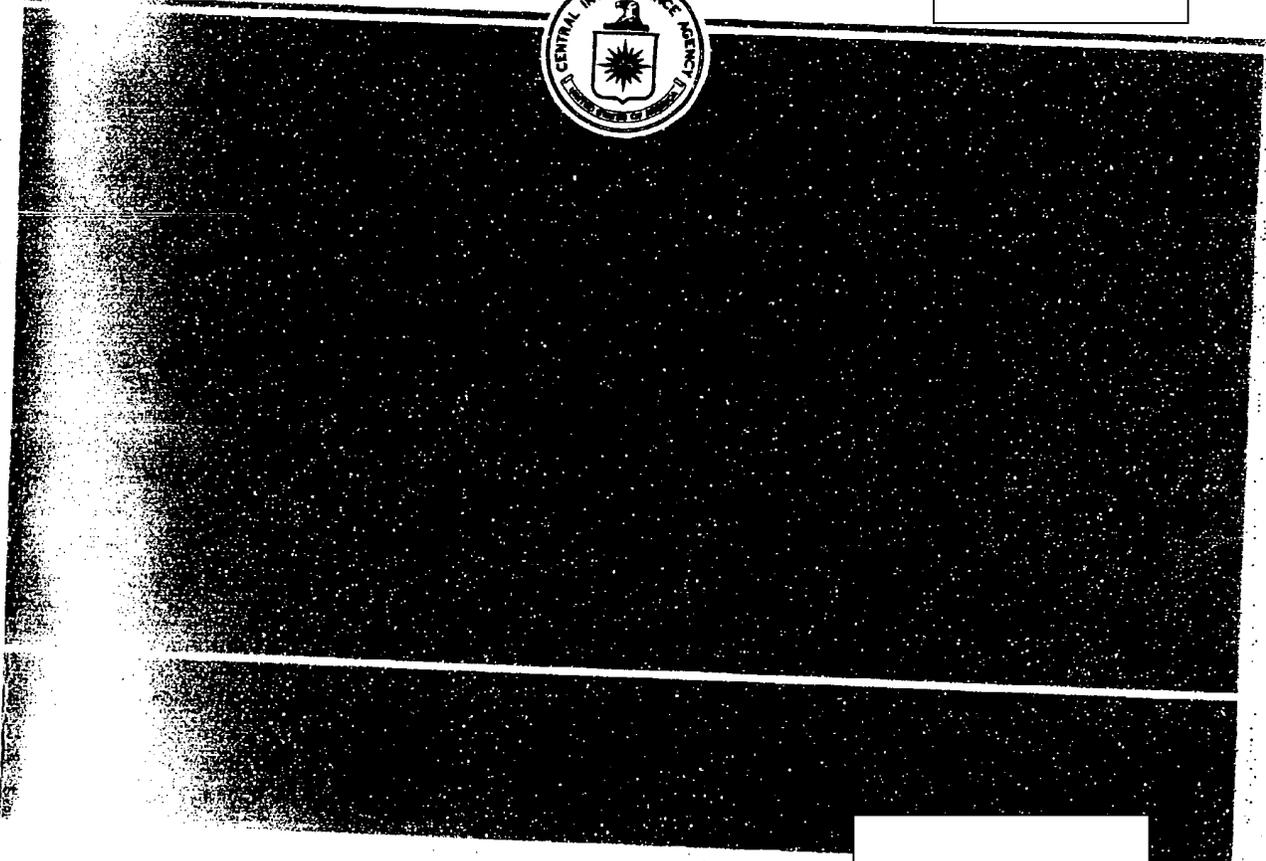
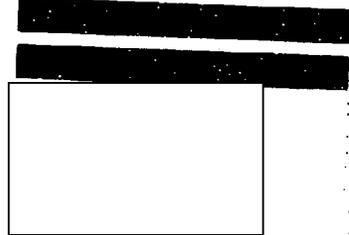
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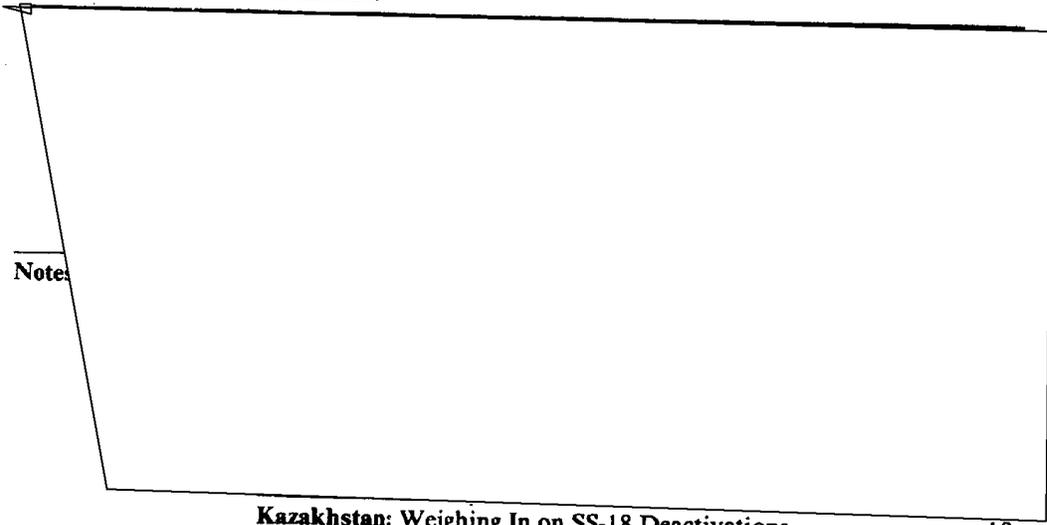
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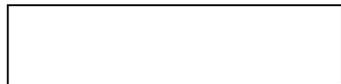
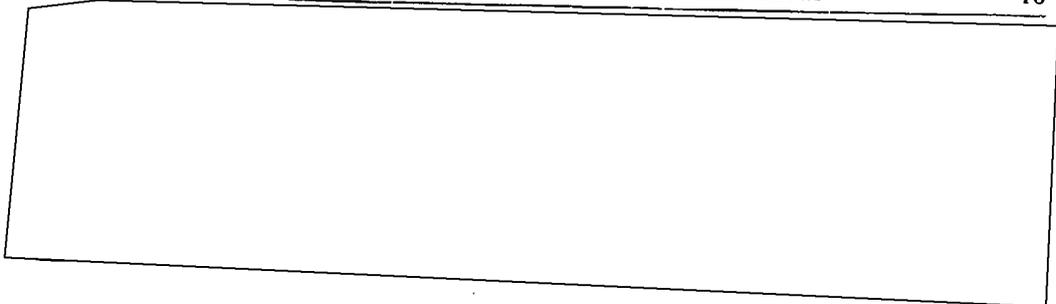
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KAZAKHSTAN: Weighing In on SS-18 Deactivations

Colonel General Maslin, who heads Russia's nuclear weapons directorate, recently told US officials that for some three months Almaty has refused to let Moscow remove nuclear warheads from Kazakhstani soil.

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[Redacted] Government officials have assertively been seeking a compensation package for the warheads, as Ukraine has done.

[Redacted] Although Kazakhstan probably could not prevent any Russian attempt to remove missiles from their silos or to unilaterally withdraw the warheads, Moscow is not likely to provoke Almaty by trying. [Redacted]

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