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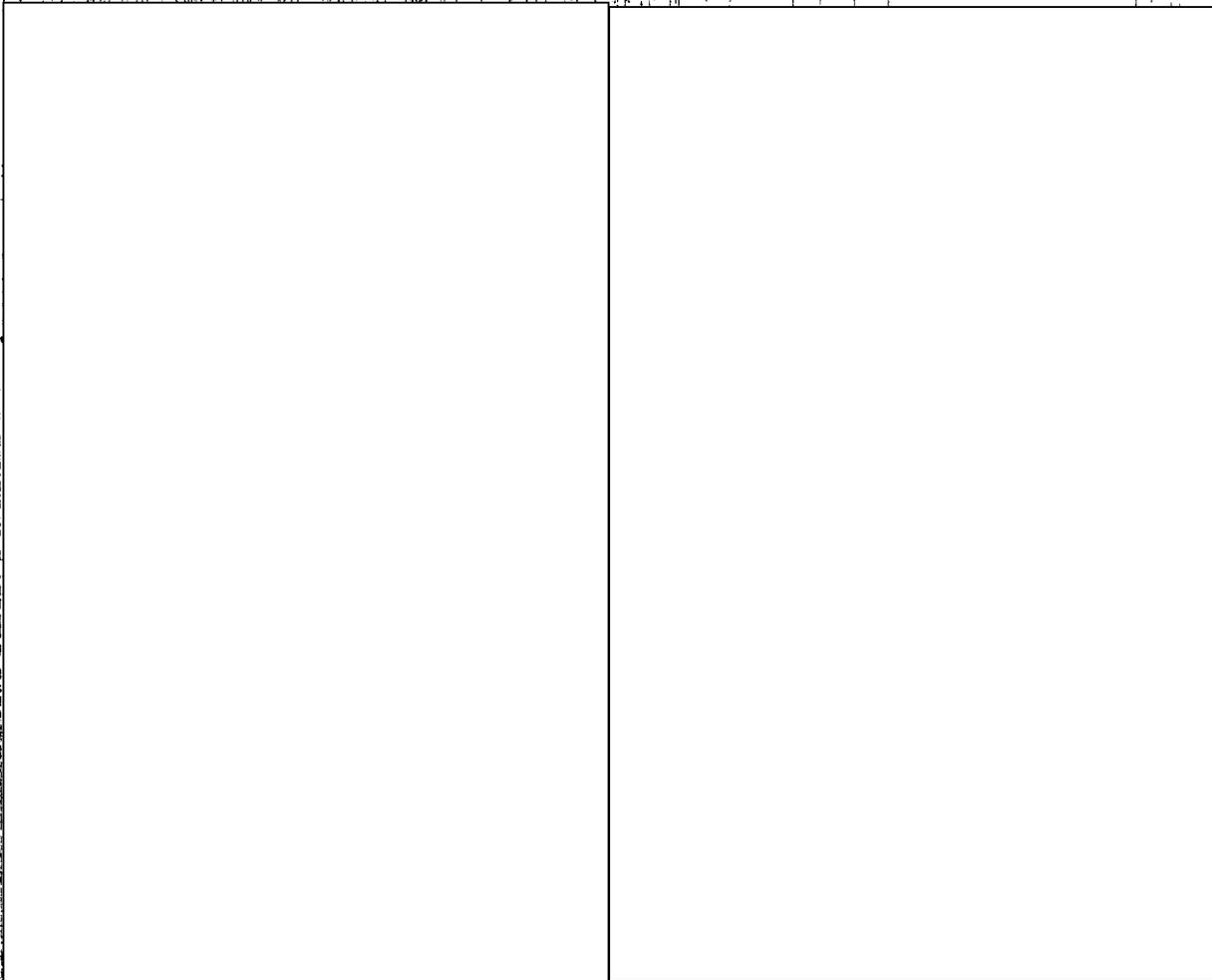
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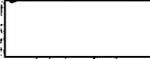
South Korea has signed an IAEA agreement covering nuclear power plant construction. Another agreement will be signed soon to cover nuclear facilities to

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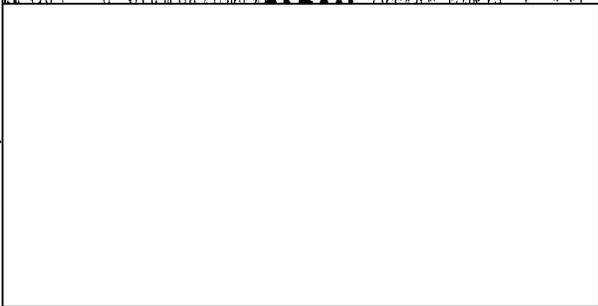
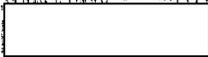
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South Korea Signs The First of Two Nuclear Safeguards Agreements: On October 31, South Korea signed an agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) providing for safeguards against the use of plutonium produced by South Korean nuclear power plants for nuclear weapons. Last April, South Korea ratified the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and a Government spokesman said that the signing of the IAEA agreement was a reaffirmation of South Korea's wish to adhere to the NPT. (Associated Press, Seoul, 31 Oct 75)

Comment: The signing of the IAEA agreement is required under the terms of the NPT and is a standard procedure before a nuclear power plant begins operation. South Korea's first nuclear plant is scheduled for operation in 1976.

The most stringent IAEA agreement to date, recently approved by IAEA, is scheduled to be signed soon by France and South Korea. This agreement will cover the

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nuclear facilities that France will provide South Korea including a pilot nuclear fuel reprocessing plant. Although there has been strong US political pressure to cancel the reprocessing plant deal, it now appears that South Korea will proceed with the construction of the plant in the near future.

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