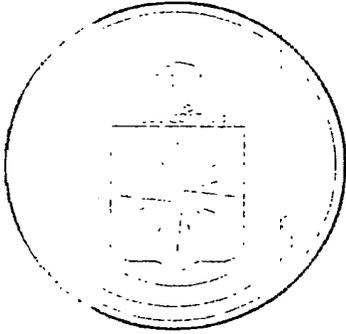


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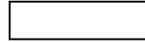
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Russia: Developing New Nuclear Warheads at Novaya Zemlya

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The Russian Security Council in late April approved a nuclear test program at Novaya Zemlya for 1999 that is considerably more ambitious than the one conducted last year, according to press reports. In mid-May, citing "informed sources," the newspaper *Nezavisimaya gazeta* reported that "far more money" would be spent on the 1999 experiments than was allocated in 1998 and that the new tests would be conducted "on a completely different qualitative level and as a matter of priority."

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