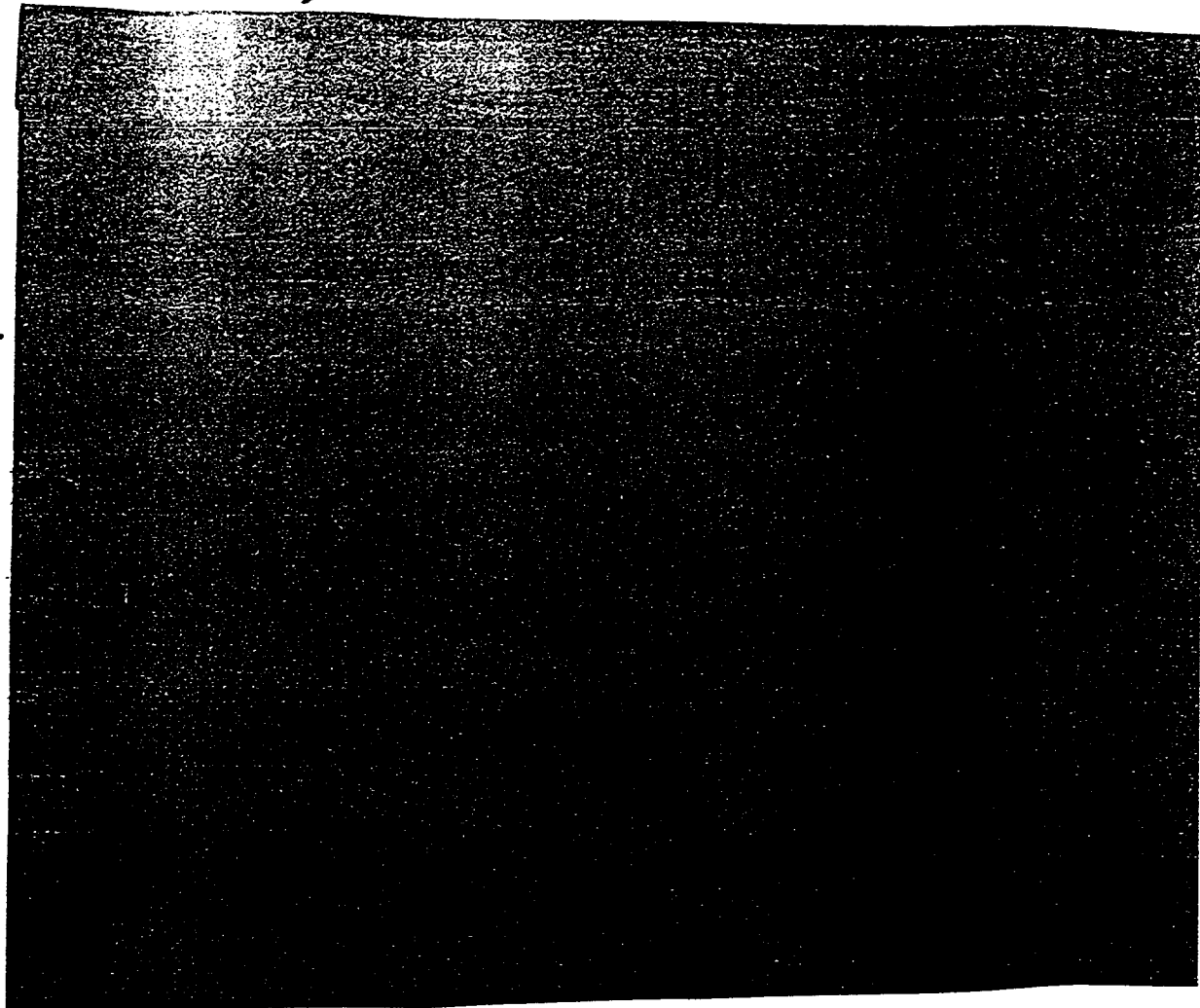


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4. Cuba Continues to Expand Ties With Sino-Soviet Bloc:
The Castro government may soon exchange permanent trade missions with East Germany, following the conclusion earlier this month of a commercial agreement between the two countries. According to a source frequently used by the Communists as a channel to the West, East Germany feels it will subsequently be able to establish an "ambassadorial office" in Havana for Latin America, a post similar to the East German representation in Cairo.

Cuba might welcome such an arrangement as part of its proclaimed neutralist policy, which is increasingly favorable to the Sino-Soviet bloc. Since the plan presumably

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would not involve recognition of East Germany, Castro could continue to improve trade and other relations with West Germany, which he evidently considers useful.

A Polish commercial mission arrived in Havana on 24 March for trade discussions, and Poland recently bought 50,000 tons of Cuban sugar, bringing its purchases from the 1960 crop to 100,000 tons--all at prices below those of the world market on the date of purchase.

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