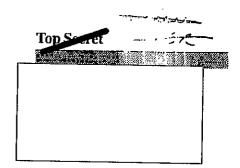


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China:

Possible Nuclear Artillery Test

a uranium artillery shell
was to be tested early this month at Lop Nur.

China could be seeking to confirm the reliability of a nuclear artillery shell design in advance of a nuclear test ban. Such a weapon would be primarily defensive, for use along China's perimeter against massed formations such as an amphibious landing or a Russian ground attack.

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