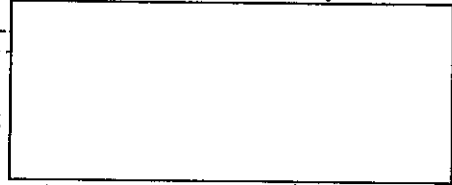
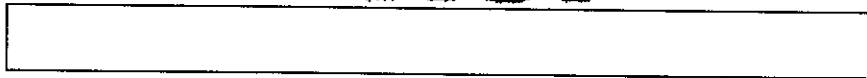


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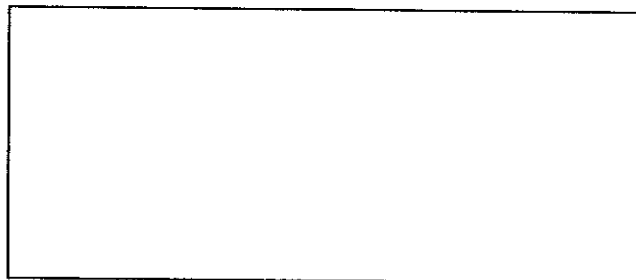
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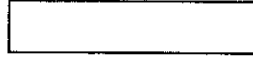
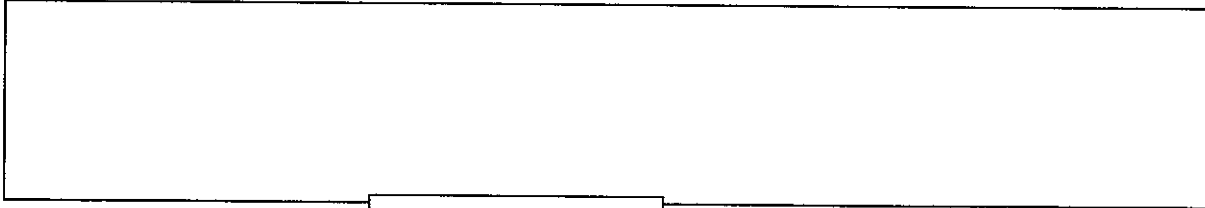


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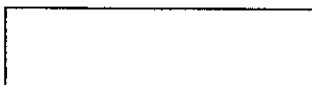
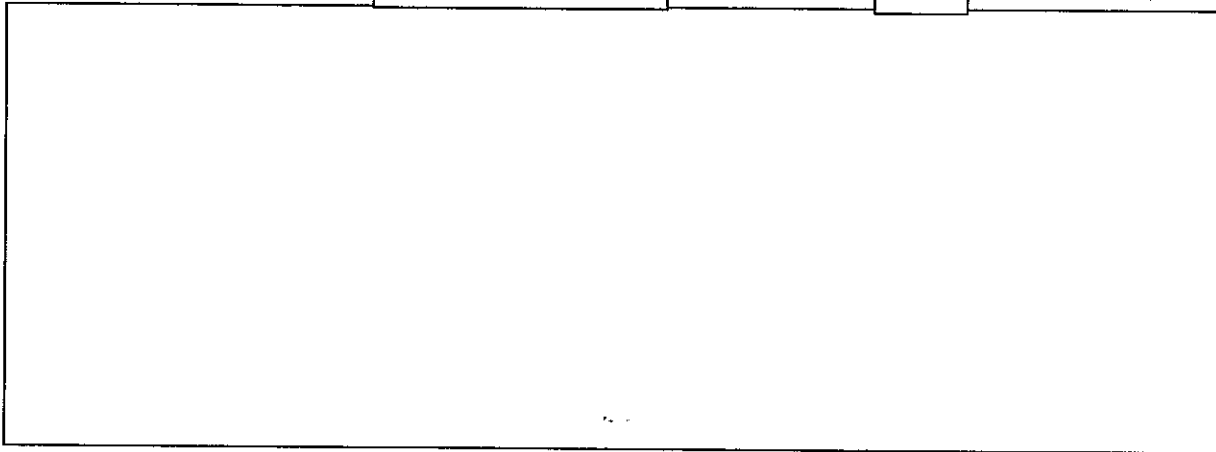
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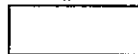
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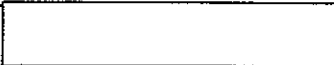
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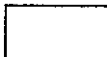
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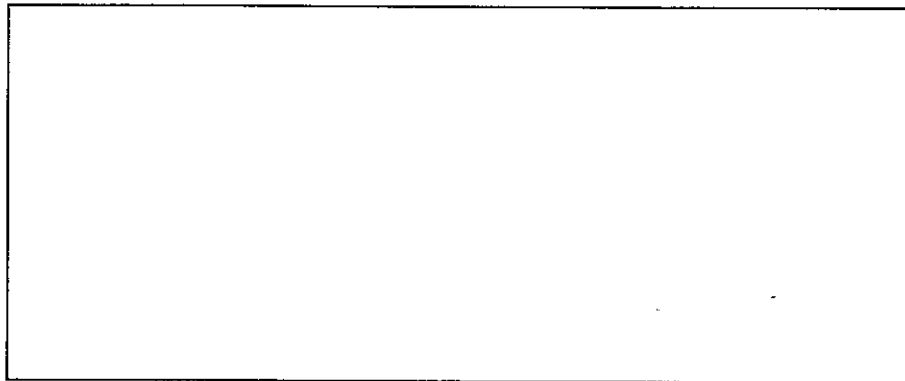
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Russian officials last week informed the media that they had conducted five experiments at their nuclear test site at Novaya Zemlya by the middle of this month to enhance the safety and reliability of their nuclear weapons. According to official statements, the tests did not produce nuclear yields but involved weapons-grade uranium and plutonium together with tens of kilograms of conventional high explosives



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