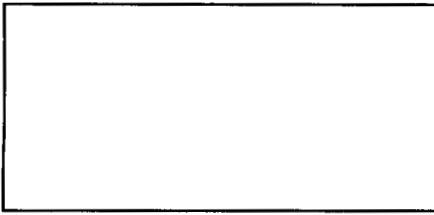


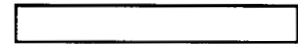
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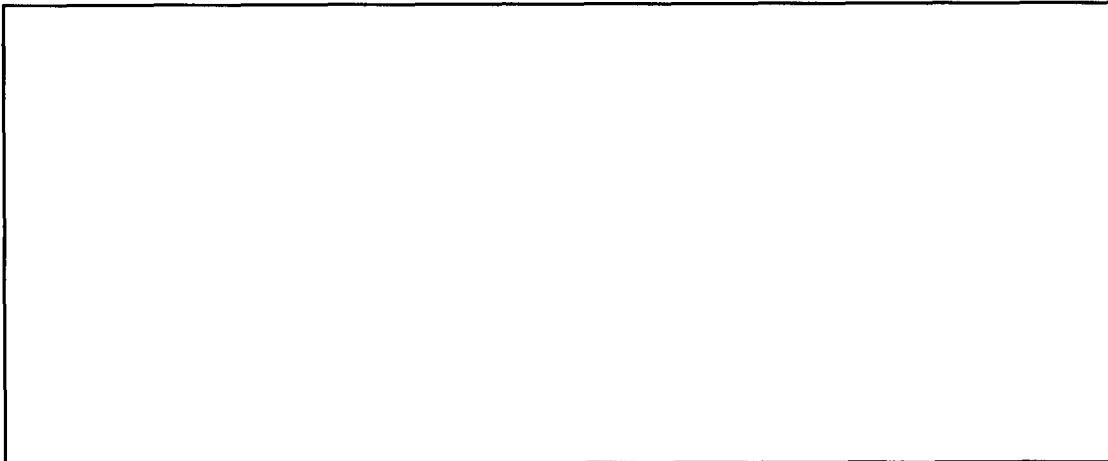
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USSR-Berlin: [As part of their effort to create an impression of reasonableness on Berlin, Soviet leaders since the party congress have used a wide variety of maneuvers calculated to achieve maximum publicity in the West in conveying alleged Soviet willingness to be flexible in any negotiations. The substance of the Soviet position, however, remains unchanged from the presentation made by Gromyko in his talks in the US. On 9 November, Khrushchev indicated to West German Ambassador Kroll that he could accept in "principle" the ambassador's suggestion for a combination of four-power and bilateral agreements to ensure Berlin's viability and free access. Soviet officials then passed to Western journalists in Moscow a four-point plan characterized as a "radical change" in Soviet policy on Berlin and a German treaty, which included some of Kroll's suggestion but was more in line with Gromyko's approach in the US.]

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