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Summary:

Declassified portions from the CIA's National Intelligence Daily for Saturday, 7 March 1989, describe the latest developments in Tibet and China. In 2019, the CIA declassified additional material from the 7 March NID that pertained to Hungary.

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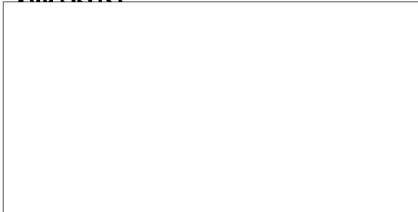
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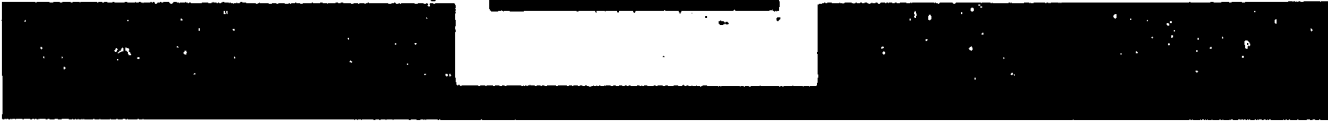
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CHINA: Renewed Violence in Tibet

Chinese police launched an assault on the Tibetan section of Lhasa yesterday in an effort to regain control of the city, while the Chinese quarter remains under heavy police guard, according to Western press reports.

Tibetan dissidents may try to hold more demonstrations on Friday, the 30th anniversary of the Tibetan uprising in 1959. *People's Daily* today admits the scope of this week's rioting "is bigger than disturbances of past years," adding the claim-

that some protesters have used guns.

Comment: Renewed violence in Tibet comes as Chinese leaders prepare for party and government meetings later this month that are likely to focus on the country's economic and social problems. Orthodox party leaders, already critical of General Secretary Zhao Ziyang for his handling of the economy, may try to blame the unrest on the liberalized policies toward minorities that Zhao and other reformers have pushed. Beijing, meanwhile, is certain to adopt tougher security measures to forestall further unrest and may be even less inclined to pursue a dialogue with the Dalai Lama.

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