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A CIA summary of views in the Philippines regarding the meeting between Chiang Kai-shek and Elpidio Quirino.

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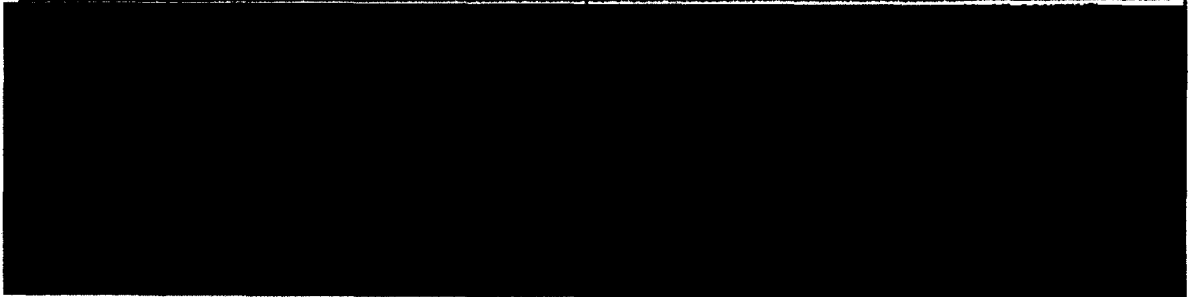
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