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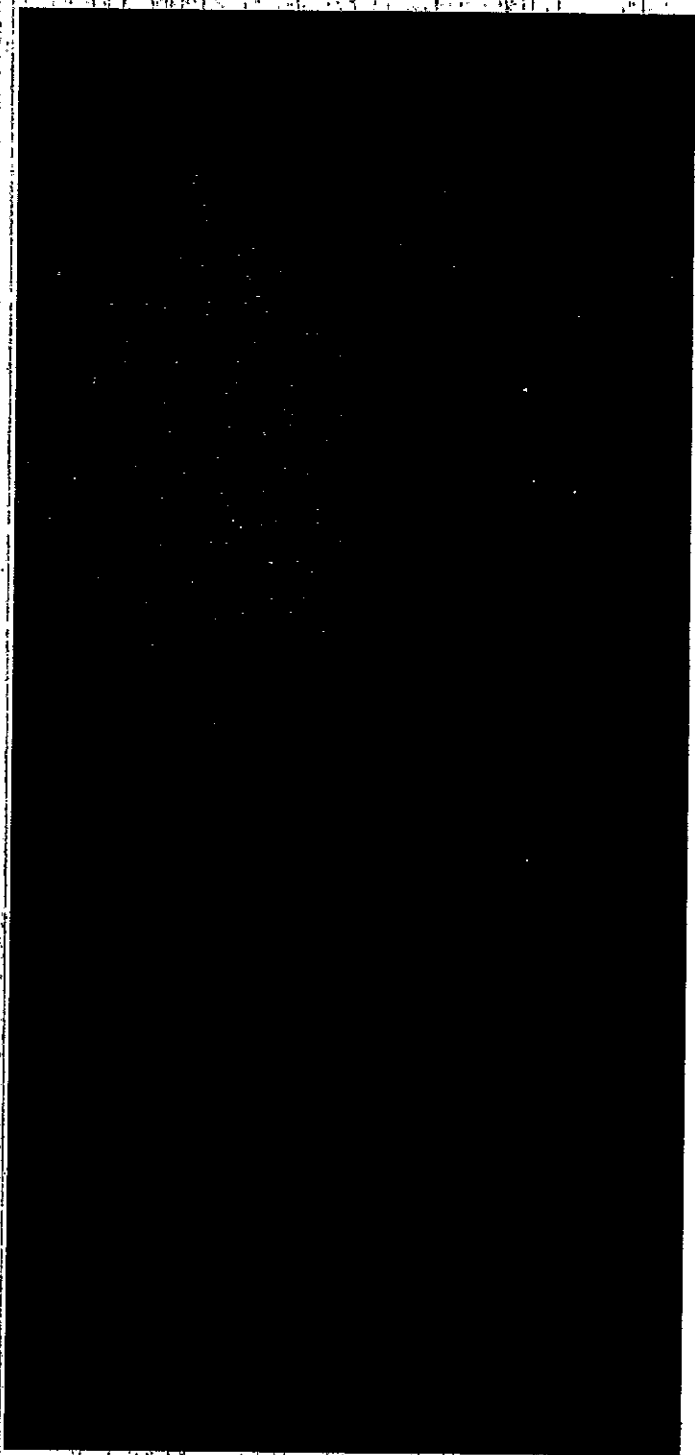
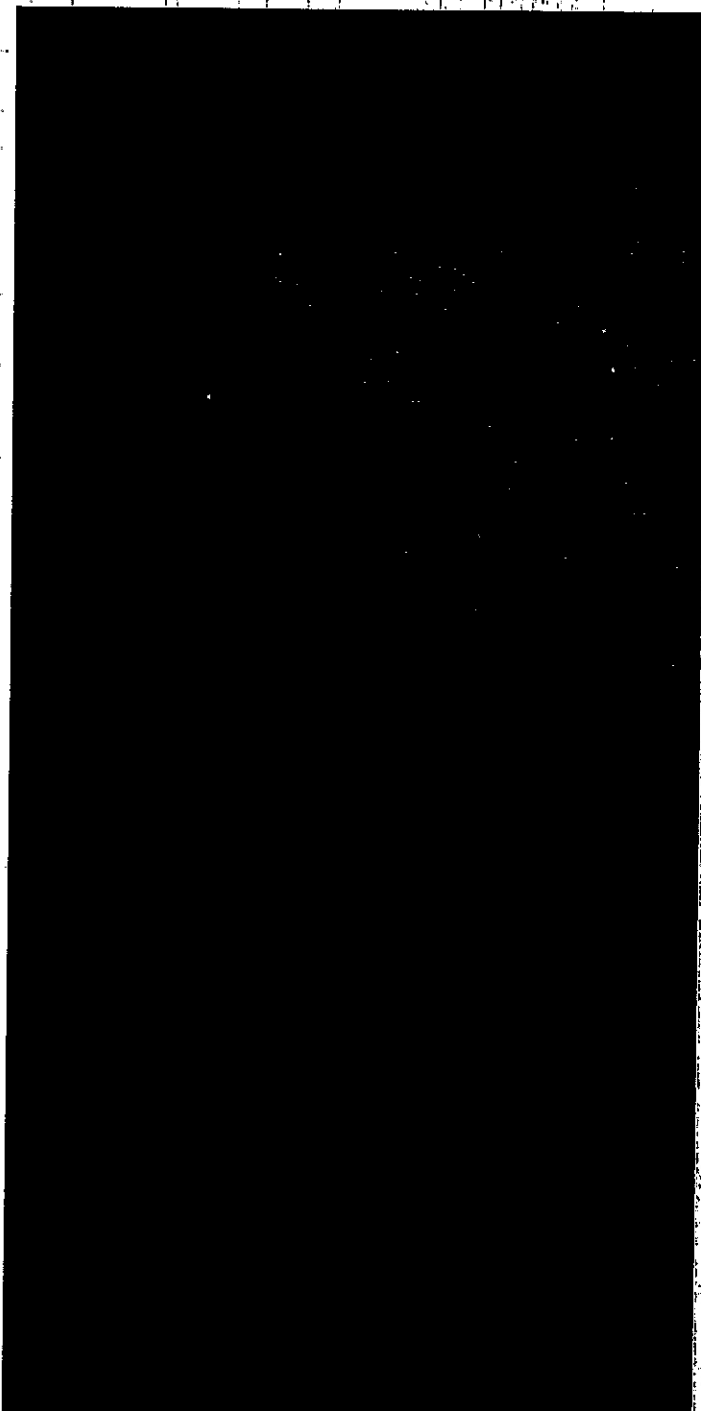
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After several years of attempts to make the Rossing uranium mining operation a joint venture, the South Africans appear to have been able to interest Iran in participating in the project. [REDACTED]

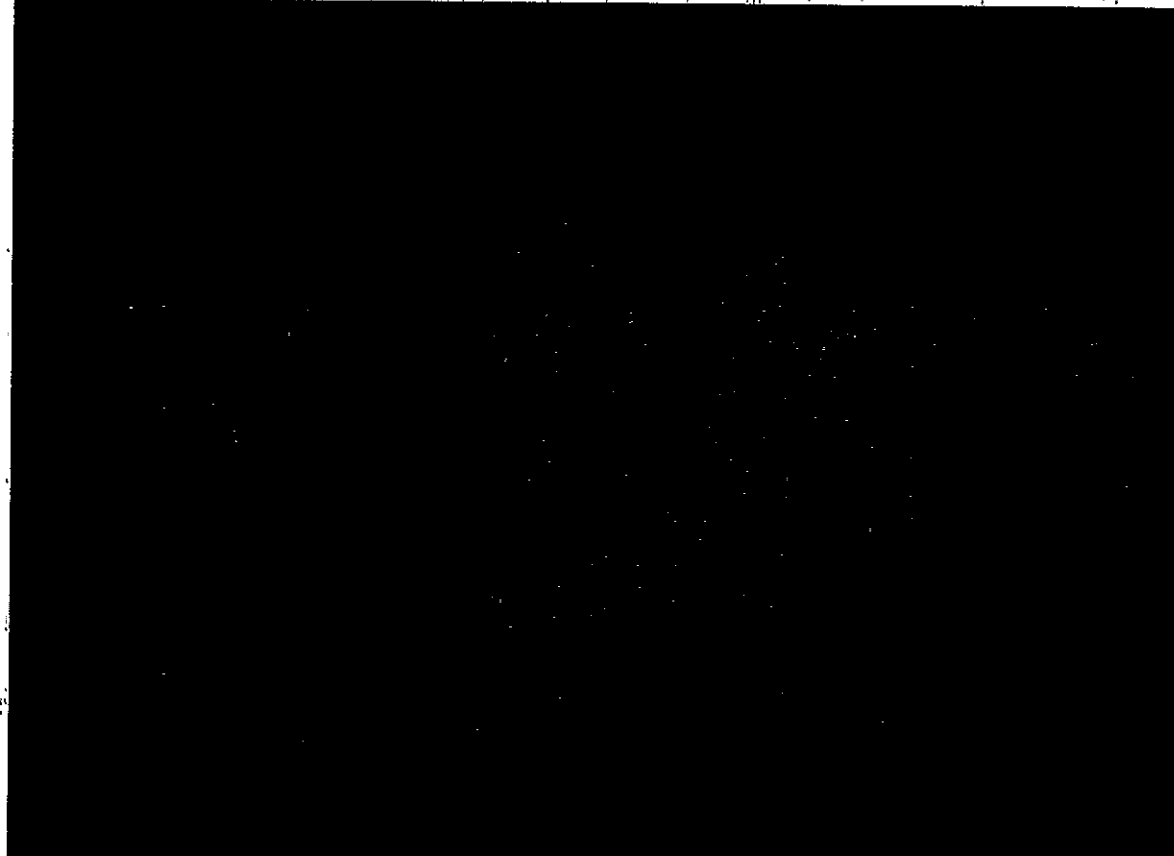
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Iran Considers Purchasing Shares of South African Uranium Mining Enterprise: The Atomic Energy Organization of Iran is considering the purchase of an unspecified number of shares in Rossing Uranium, Ltd., of South Africa. Discussions were to begin in early September. [REDACTED]

Comment: The Rossing uranium deposit is one of the largest if not the largest in the world. Estimates of contained uranium range between 100 thousand to 1 million tons. The South Africans have been trying to interest the French and Germans in a joint venture but were unsuccessful for political reasons, since the deposit is located in South-West Africa whose status is in dispute. [REDACTED]

