

Bratton Sees Challenges In a City He Made Safer

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is searching for ways to apply that same playbook, developed in the high-crime early 1990s, to a safer city filled with New Yorkers who have never known any other way.

He looked for blight. Many Atlanta found little police. He has targeted the area about some are in complaints from residents in Washington Heights. He has associates with the drug industry of an area. Crime is not, interestingly enough, a big issue at this time in the city," he said in a recent interview.

The city is a very different place than the one Bratton knew in the 1990s. In his first year as police commissioner, there were 422 robberies in Manhattan alone and 100 homicides across the city. That year through Sunday, there have been just over 70 robberies citywide and 123 killings.

But Mr. Bratton, 66, is not veering from his focus on low-level offenses. Rather, he is doubling down, although for different reasons.

If two years ago Mr. Bratton had been in the zealous pursuit of subway vandals, he did so partly because of the arrest of more than 100 criminals: In those chaotic years, one 21-year-old jumper was found with a gun. Now his attention to minor offenses is more about taming the specter of disorder.

Crime is not the same in the city, but it often differs from what he faced in the past. Heroin is resurgent, but drugs are now more frequently found in Staten Island houses rather than in relic shooting galleries. Gangs rarely battle over drug turf, but engage in "violence for the sake," Mr. Bratton has said with a kind of disgust and wonder.

While homicides are down, shootings are up 11 percent in this year, an increase that has been seized upon by his critics, and is one of the mayor's

But the interview with Mr. Bratton is not the only one. The commission at the end of the year will be a big test of his influence. It is being held in a conference room at the police academy as slipping away from him.

He will address and the police will try to continually keep ac-

because the city is still waiting for a new mayor. The

forbid we had 30 more shootings than we had last year," he added. "People tend to forget what the place looked like in the

in the present. It is not with the same intensity as it was in the past.

He is also resisting the pressure from the Brooklyn district attorney to be more lenient with low-level marijuana offenders.

He has even sought to brand the "showtime" performers who dance in train cars — or as Mr. Bratton often calls them, the subway "acrobats" — as resonant symbols of disorder, much as he once did with the squeegee men of a generation ago. "You're seeing activity directed against the acrobats, against the aggressive beggars, so on," he said.

He has also faced with satisfaction the arrest last week of a man accused of robbing a highway tollbooth in Queens. (Graffiti along the Long Island Expressway has drawn particular scrutiny from Mr. Bratton, who gets a close-up view of the vandalism as he returns from his weekend home in the Hamptons.)

"I get criticized about: 'What are you going to do about graffiti? We've got kids tagging each other.'" Mr. Bratton said. "It's just this sense of, in public spaces, who's in control?"

When he reflects on his policing career, Mr. Bratton speaks in terms of big challenges he has overcome — helping to turn the tide against crime in New York in the early 1990s, and a decade later to remake a Los Angeles Police Department, which had come to be defined by brutality and racism.

He can seem at times to be overwhelmed by the challenges enumerated for him by Mr. de Blasio, who campaigned on reducing and reforming the stop-and-frisk tactic, the aggressive use of which led to a court oversight and the city council to create a monitor general for the department. While the mayor hailed Mr. Bratton as the right leader to carry out changes to the stop-and-frisk policy, Mr. Bratton soon began



"Crime is not, interestingly enough, a big issue at this time in the city," leading the New York Police Department for the second time, said in an interview.



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intelligence and counterterrorism efforts; and Zachary Tumin, the co-author of Mr. Bratton's book on leadership, to direct efforts in data-driven policing and social media.

But one of his most urgent priorities in the wake of the police and legal fight over stopping asking has been improving the side in what he describes as an anti-rap organization.

To that end, he has traveled city, shaking hands with control officers, adding to their memories during a late 7th Precinct

opened the door to a new era of police work. "A lot of it is about personal touching of the public," he said.

And Mr. Bratton is trying to new ways to improve the c's confidence in the Police Department. Soon, he said, the Department will regularly contact a 10-question survey with 500 residents in each precinct to ask the old Ed Koch thing, 'How am I doing?'

At his direction, precinct commanders have taken to Twitter.

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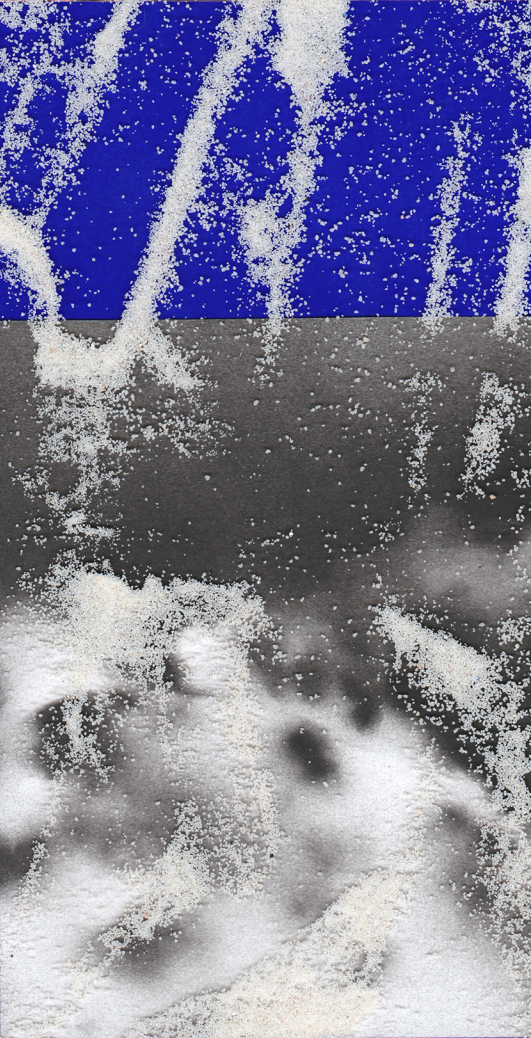
Word of 'Permit' to Surge

By JULIA PRESTON

McALLEN, Tex. — Exhausted and downcast, hundreds of Central American migrants, mainly women with small children, come to this station of this border city every day now, spilling into a church next door that has opened its doors. Having crossed into the United States illegally, the new arrivals are often grimy and fatigued.



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York Times

Late Edition

Today, clouds and sun, very warm, more humid, high 87. Tonight, partly cloudy, storm late, low 72. Tomorrow, partly sunny, storm possible, high 89. Weather map, Page C8.

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Education

By ISABEL KERSHNER

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Nuclear Issue Persists Amid Goal to Thwart Sunni Extremism

By MICHAEL R. GORDON
and DAVID E. SANGER

WASHINGTON — A senior American diplomat met with his Iranian counterpart in Vienna on Monday to explore whether the United States and Iran could work together to create a more stable Iraq government and ease the threat from Sunni militants.

The meeting took place after Secretary of State John Kerry signed a new Obama administration policy of cooperating with Iran on Iraq, raising the possibility of seeking help from a country that the United States has often described as a sponsor of terrorism that must be prevented from obtaining a nuclear weapon.

The Obama administration's strategy is to pressure Iraq's prime minister, Nuri al-Maliki, and his Shiite-dominated government to form a multisectarian government with Sunnis and Kurds in an effort to head off its being exploited by the militants. But that goal could be frustrated if Iran decided to back Sunni line Shiite leaders or encourage Foreign fighters into Iraq, aggravating the already inflamed tensions.

On Monday night, the White House said President Obama had convened a meeting of his top national security advisers to review options in combating the Sunni militant group known as the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, which routed the Iraqi army last week. Mr. Obama has made clear that the American military help will be forthcoming unless Iraqis make a serious effort to

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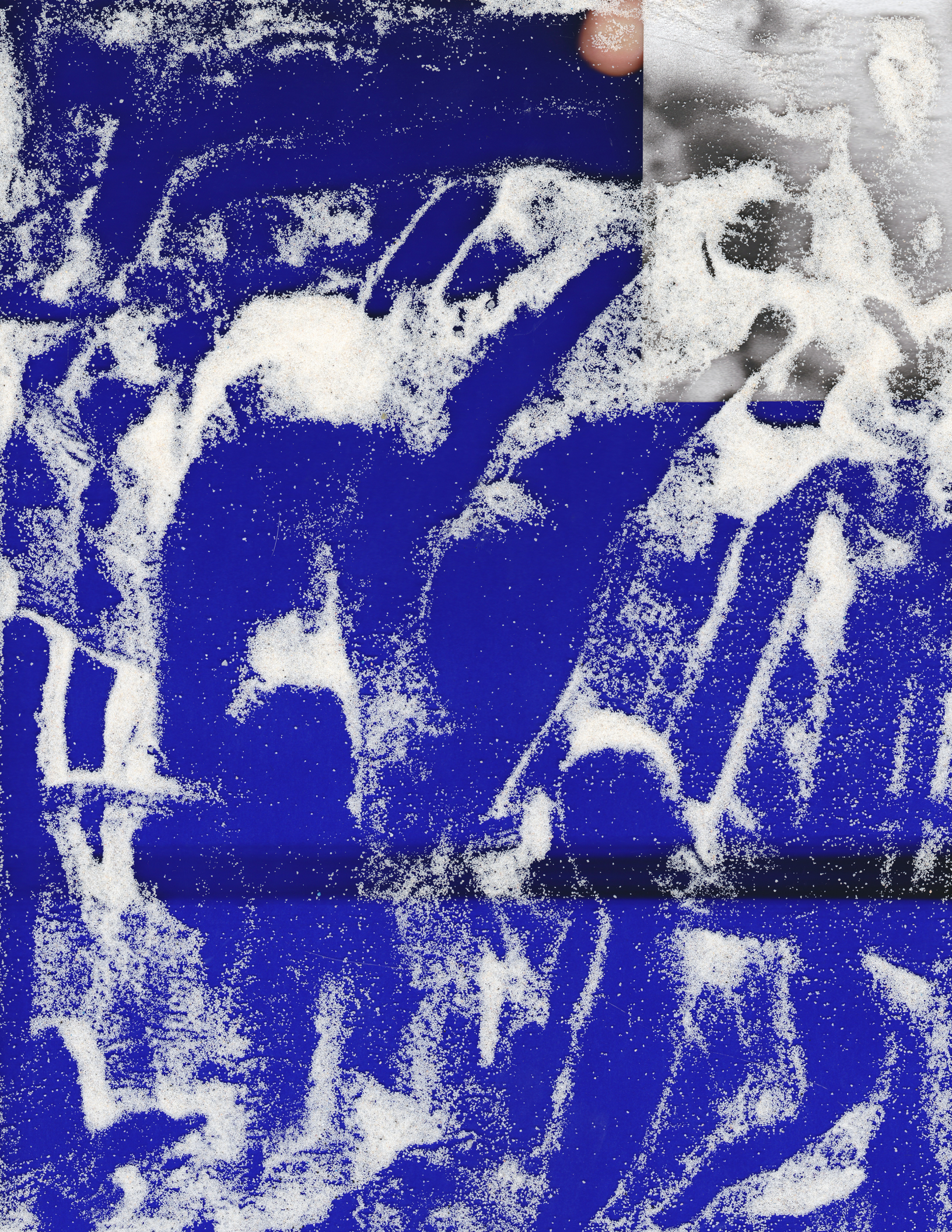
Jodi Rudoren contributed this article from Jerusalem.

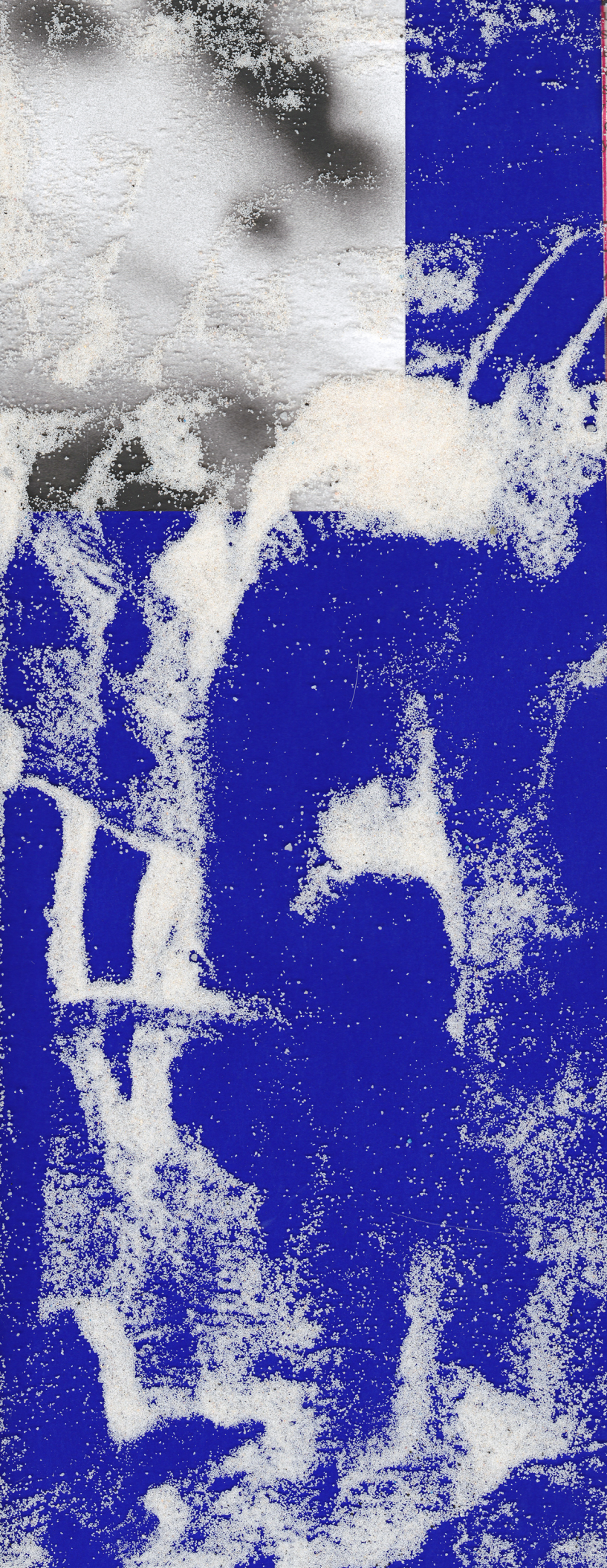


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Earlier, Mr. Kerry said in an interview with Yahoo! News that the United States was "open to discussions if there's something constructive that can be contributed by Iran."

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Secret Tapes of Politician Cause a Stir in Poland

By AP

WARSAW — Poland's tapes of several levels of government, including what is believed to be the highest, recorded at a backpack restaurant popular with the political elite, are threatening the careers of some of Poland's most prominent leaders and could threaten the survival of the current government.

Prime Minister Donald Tusk on Monday afternoon described the electronic eavesdropping, which occurred over many months and may have involved several locations, as an attempt at a coup d'état, but the Polish government at the time had called it well-organized and unprecedented in the country's post-communist history.

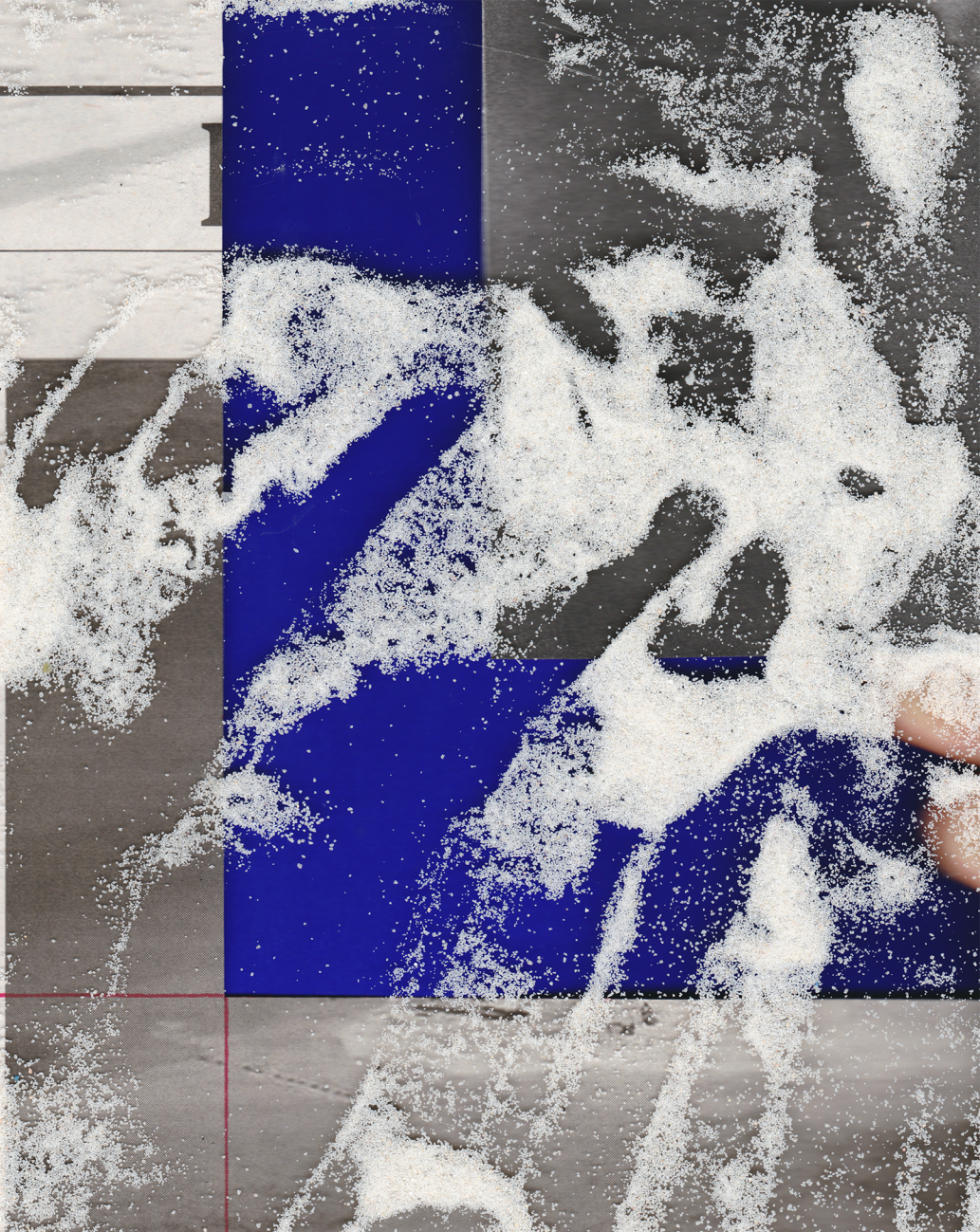
Although Tusk and other officials in the governing party criticized some of the behavior and language on the tapes, they also expressed their wrath Monday by chopping itself.

The recordings, which were made at a restaurant favored by the prime minister, were published over the weekend by Wprost, a weekly Warsaw newspaper. The paper said it was the first person who had made the recordings did not describe how it had obtained them.

The recordings were well-organized and appeared to be in the public good, but they were also the work of the politicians of the ruling party, Mr. Tusk said.

In the recordings, a potentially incendiary speech by Mr. Bejka, chief of the central bank, deals with the interior minister about steps the bank might take in an emergency to protect the national economy, something the minister remarks might be necessary in the government's budget plan in 2015.

Mr. Bejka is heard saying the bank might intervene in the market that the finance minister at the time, Jacek Rostk, had been criticized by a more apolitical group of economists.



A Philippine surveillance photo shows an island that China has created in a reef across the

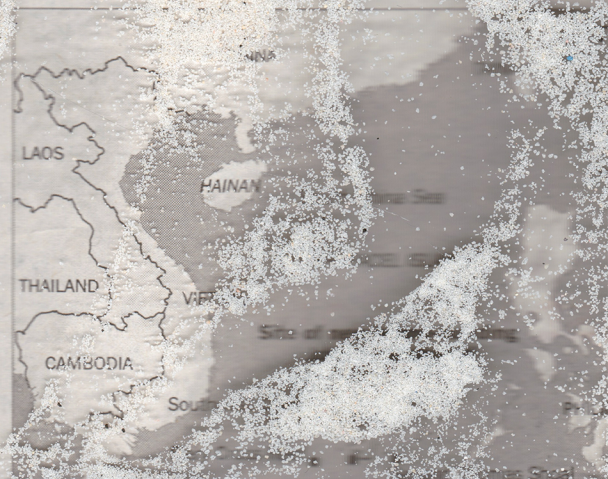
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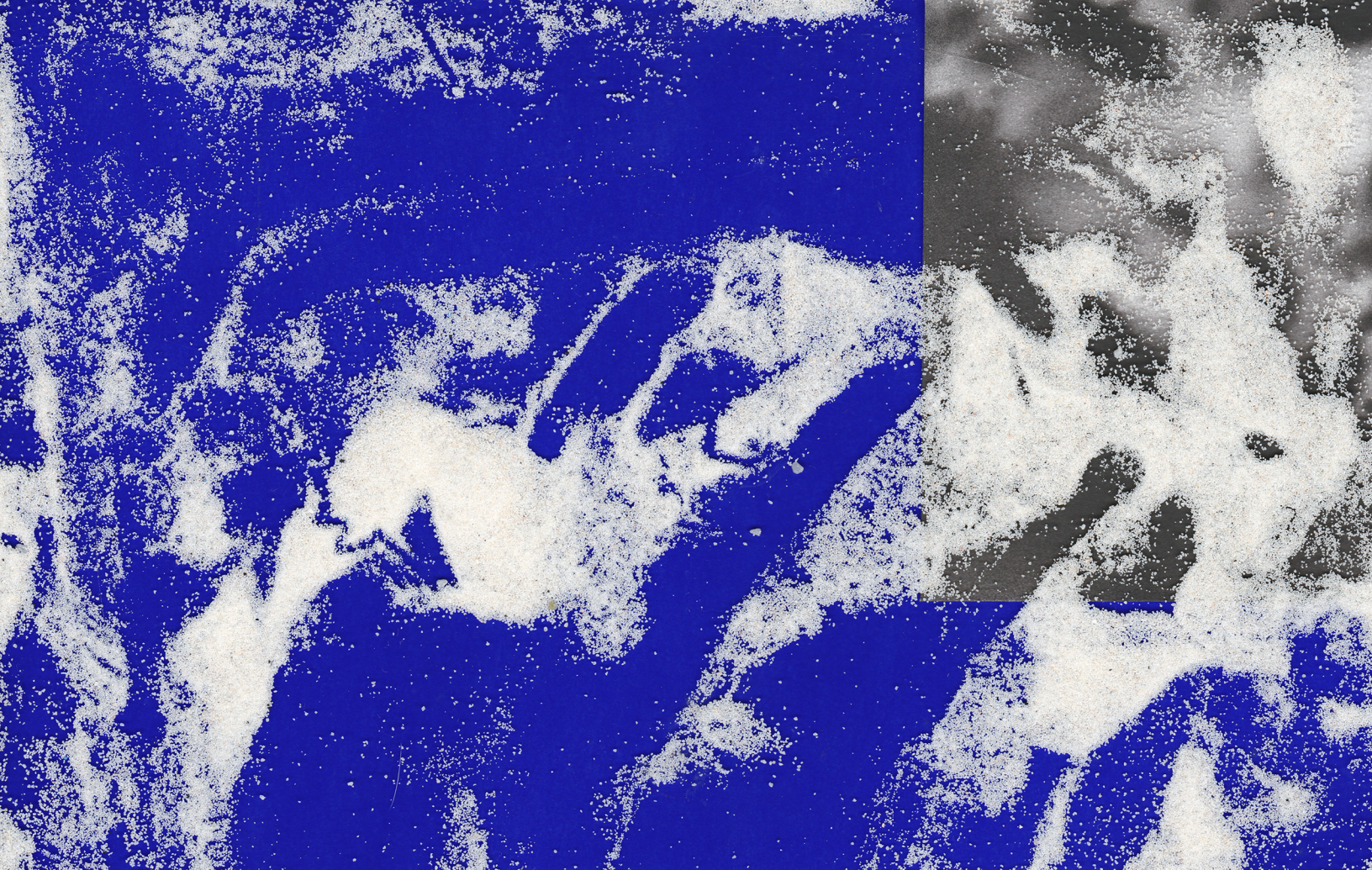
By AP

BEIJING — The Chinese government said Monday that one could expect a "major" increase in the nation's water, sand, and sea water.

But they are shaping only in the last several months, and they are already changing the major point of conflict in the South China Sea, a bitter territorial dispute between China and other Asian nations.

China has been moving sand into the islands and reefs to add several new islands to the Spratly Islands, in an effort to expand the Chinese footprint in the South China Sea. The officials say the islands will be used to support large





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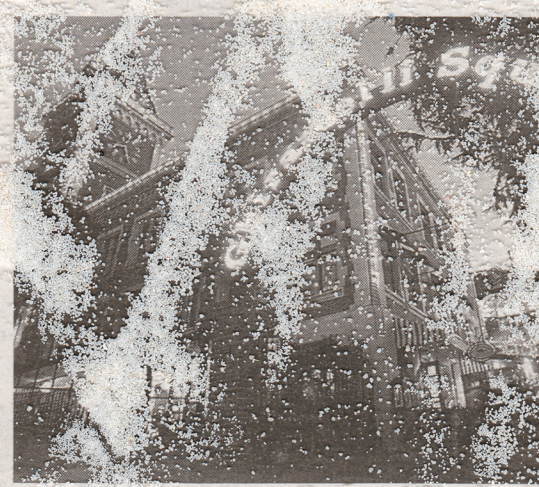
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...thorized by President John F. Kennedy, they began in 1964, at the Palace of Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Mr. Roth joined the effort in 1965, appointed by Lyndon B. Johnson, Kennedy's successor.

In the end, after the byzantine and often bickering and bartering between the United States and 67 other nations, they agreed to reduce most tariffs by more than a third.

"Far more than any other American, it was President Johnson, William Roth is respon-

...Gwyn...
 ...baseball player, appears on Page B11.



Mr. Roth helped preserve Ghirardelli Square in his hometown, an early example of urban redevelopment.

Deaths

FASSLER—Leon, 92, of Ridge Country Club, died after a long battle with thyroid cancer. He is survived by his wife, Estelle, and their family. Friends may call Stuart Albrecht, President, or Robert D. Lang, Secretary.

FIORENZA—Jean, on June 12, 2014, beloved wife of the late Joseph, loving mother of Jeffrey, Marvella, Lisa and John. Friends may call Tuesday, June 17, 2-5pm and Wednesday, June 18, 7-9pm at the Thomas J. Adlon Funeral Home, 15 Hillside Avenue, Scarborough.

KAHAN—Rabbi Norman, 92, of Great Neck, NY, devoted husband of 64 years of Shirley, loving father of Dr. Sylvia Kahan, Cantor Judith Kahan, and Eric Kahan, and grandfather and grandfather-in-law of Rachel, Benjamin, Noah, and Leah. A Jewish leader in the Reform Jewish Temple of Great Neck, NY, and Temple Beth Jacob, founder of the Union of Jewish Communities of the New York Board of Jewish Education, and president of the New York Board of Jewish Education. Friends may call Tuesday, June 17, 2-5pm at the Thomas J. Adlon Funeral Home, 15 Hillside Avenue, Scarborough.

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The... sold the property in 1982... \$20 billion. Mr... found the... which gives... efforts. He was president of... the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and a director of the... American Civil Liberties Union... death was confirmed... son, William McCauley... is survived by his wife, the... Joan Osborn; his sister... line Coonan; his daughters... ca, Maggie and Ana, all with the last name Roth; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

... of state in the Eisenhower administration, had... 1965, Mr. Roth... trade policy... him after... December 197... while wrestling with... issues, Mr. Roth re... as a regent of the... of California. He... support of students... for "free speech"... Vietnam War. Education... outspoken... denounced Mr. Roth as "ultra-liberal." Mr. Roth stayed on after Reagan became governor in 1967 and appointed conservative regents, dismissed Clark Kerr, the university's president, whom Mr. Roth had supported. Mr. Roth opposed Reagan's education ideas

... until 1988 and was... elected to the post in 2011. In San Francisco, where he lived for many years, Mr. Roth was a writing and education advocate and was so generous to... causes that Herb Caen, the... columnist, called him "Mr. Roth." His most visible contribution came in 1962, when he and his mother, Lurline Matson Roth, bought the old Ghirardelli chocolate factory in the Fisherman's Wharf area after the company had moved. Some San Franciscans feared that the factory site would be used to build apartments, but Mr. Roth had the... chase was about "conerving... historic character of the city rather than just investment for profit."

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- Florenzo, Joe
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- Kaplan, Norman
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- Marshall, Jerome
- Morgan, William
- Nease, Barry
- Reid, John
- Shapiro, Alan
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MOISE—M... Federation of New York... mourns the passing of Moise Safir, whose deep philanthropic commitment to the Sephardic community and the Jewish world lives on through his cherished family. We extend our condolences to Moise's beloved wife, Chela; his children, Jacob (Shari), Ezra (Alessandra), Edmond (Marielle), Esther, Szolman (Claudio), and Diga Levijin (Mauricio); his siblings; and the entire family. Aisa R. Dorfroff, President; Linda Mirvis, Chair of the Board; John S. Ruskay, Executive VP & CEO