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Kort discusses Gorbachev's place in the continuum of Russian and Soviet history, and his role in unleashing the force that finally toppled the Soviet colossus.