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27 1997, the turmoil in Asian markets spooked Wall Street in the largest single-day decline in history, a drop of 550 points. It was predicted that the Asian crash could drive the US trade deficit from 191 billion to 300 billion by 1998, creating huge new tensions in relations with some of the largest US trading partners. The
