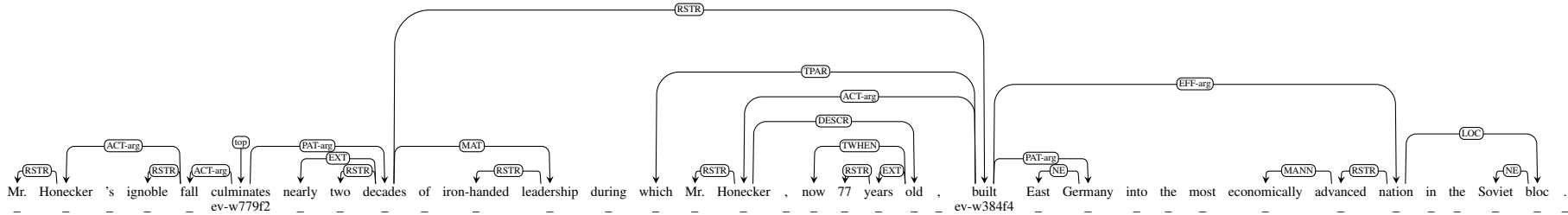
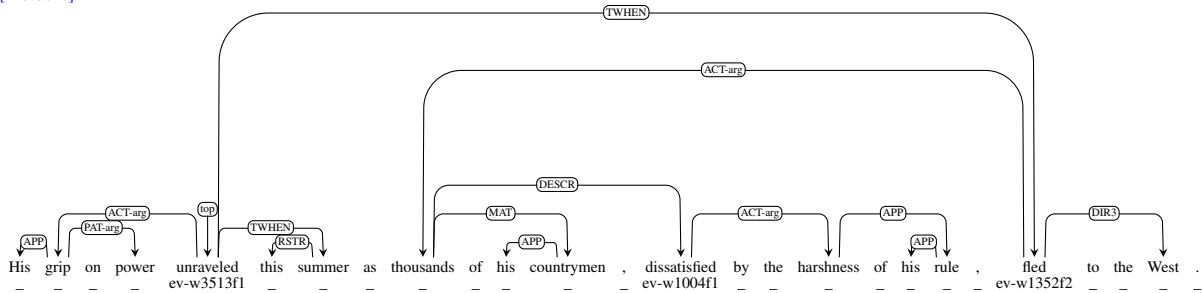


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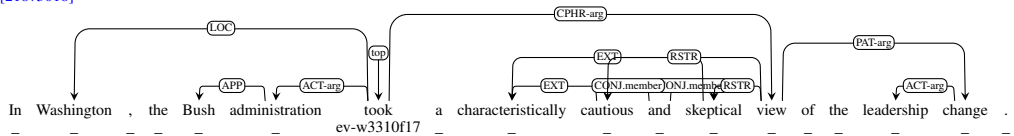




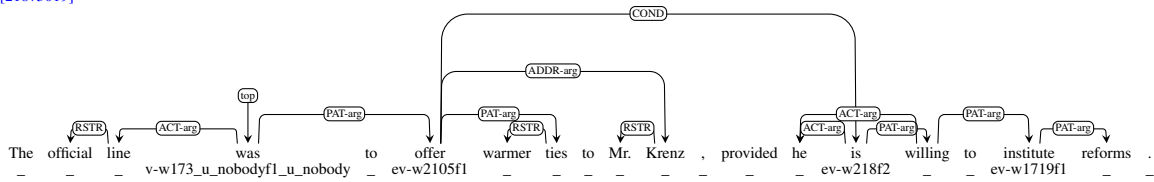
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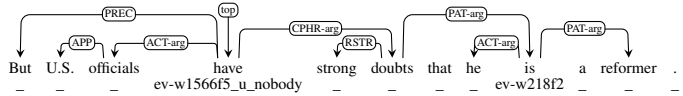
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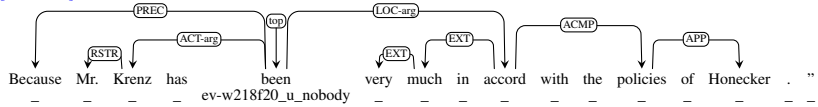
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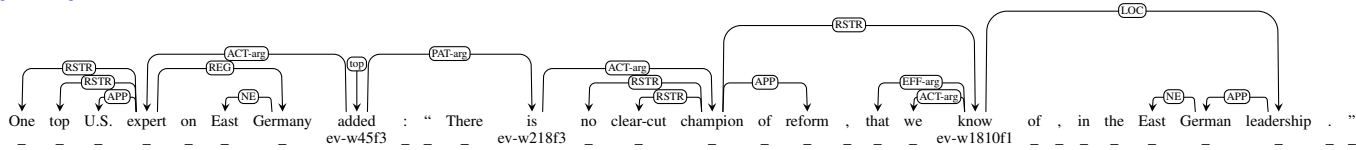
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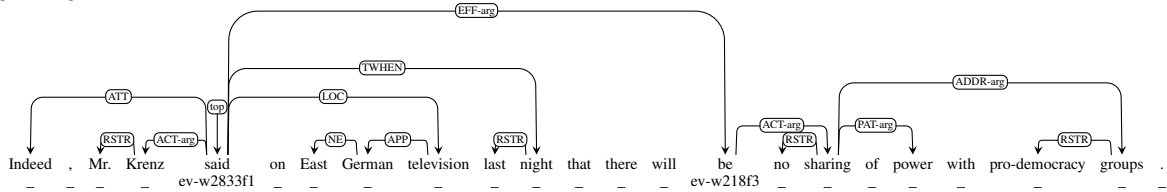
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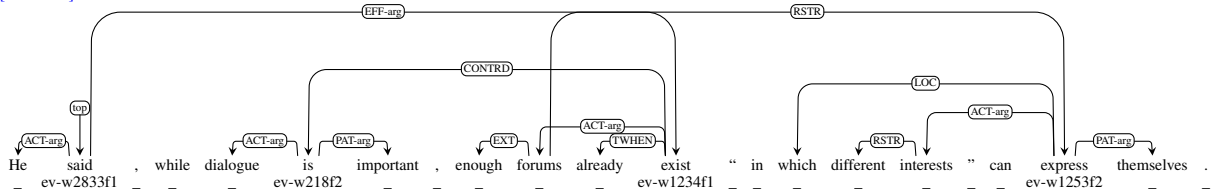
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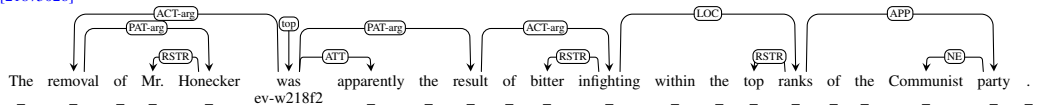
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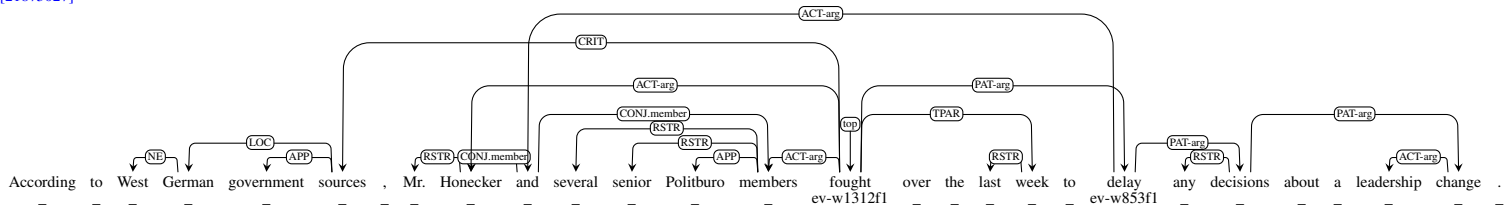
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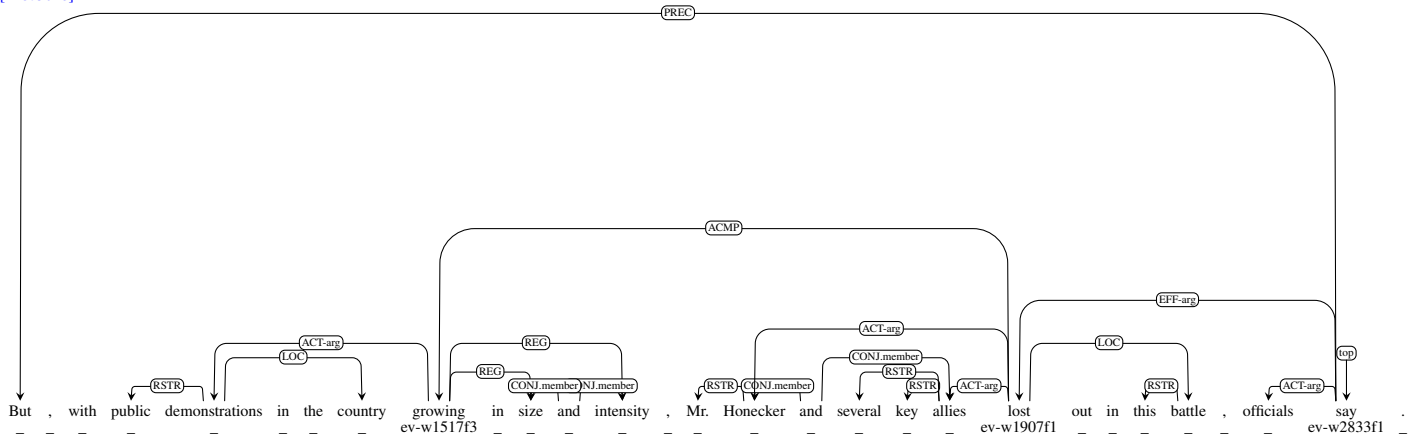
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Those allies included Politburo members Guenter Mittag , who has long headed economic affairs , and Joachim Hermann , chief of information policy .

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Both men were also relieved of their duties yesterday .

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Clearly , the central figure in this process is Egon Krenz .

[21875034]

Like West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl , he represents the postwar generation that has grown up during Germany 's division .

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Since joining the Politburo in 1983 as its youngest member , Mr. Krenz had acquired the nickname " crown prince , " a reference to the widely held view that he was the hand-picked successor to Mr. Honecker .

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Moreover , both men have hewn to a similar hard-line philosophy .

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Notably , one of Mr. Krenz 's few official visits overseas came a few months ago , when he visited China after the massacre in Beijing .

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He later defended the Chinese government 's response during a separate visit to West Germany .

[21875040]

East German Protestantism in particular fears Mr. Krenz , in part because of an incident in January 1988 when he was believed to have ordered the arrest of hundreds of dissidents who had sought refuge in the Church .

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However , Mr. Krenz also has a reputation for being politically savvy .

[21875042]

His shrewd ability to read the shifting popular mood in East Germany is best illustrated by his apparent break with his old mentor , Mr. Honecker .

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Indeed , according to West German government sources , he was one of the leaders in the power struggle that toppled Mr. Honecker .

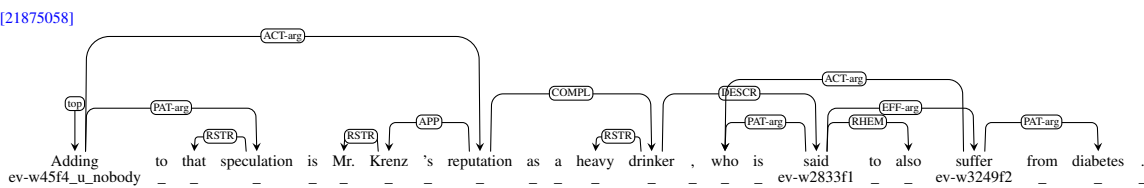
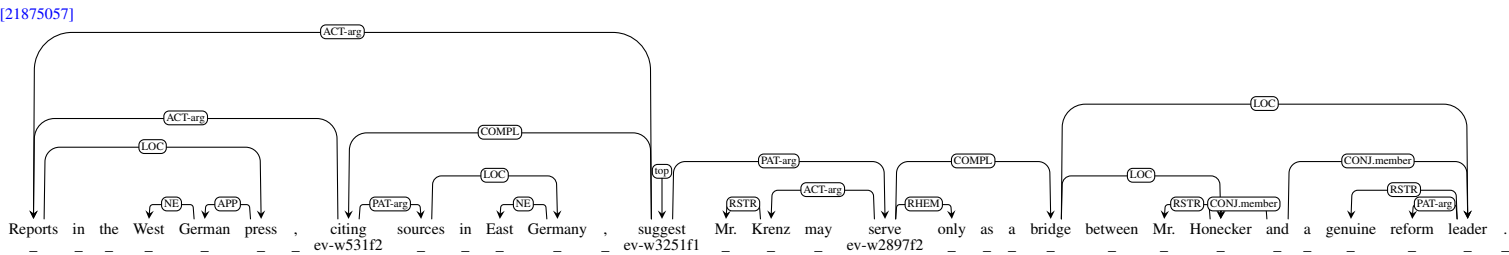
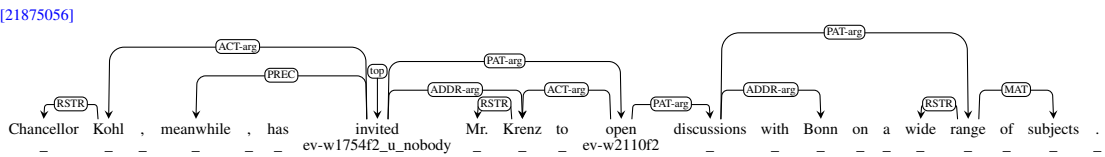
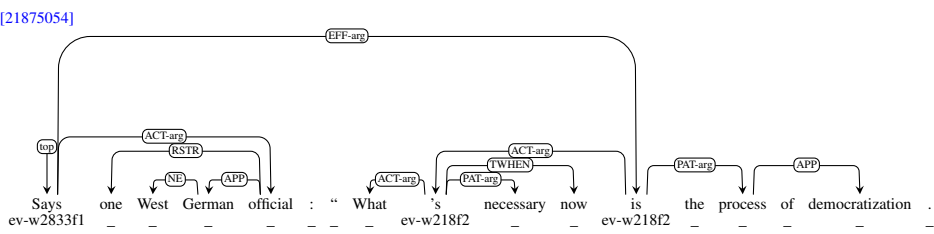
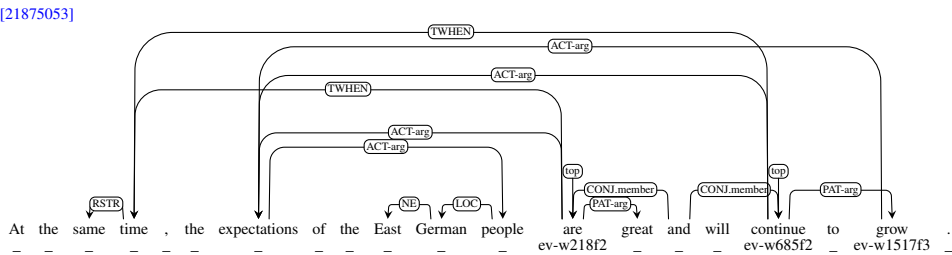
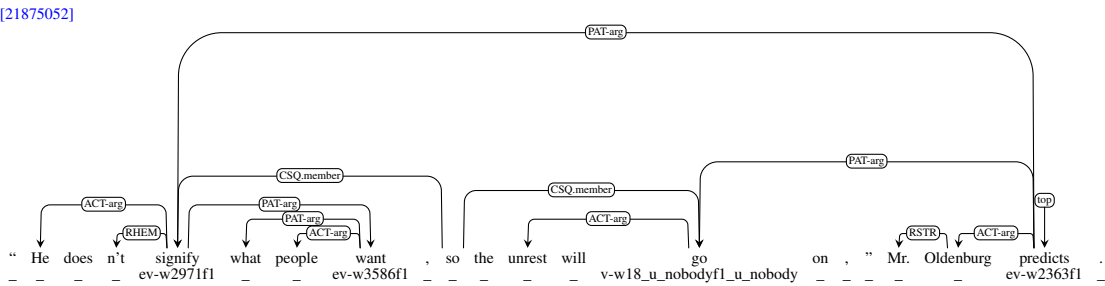
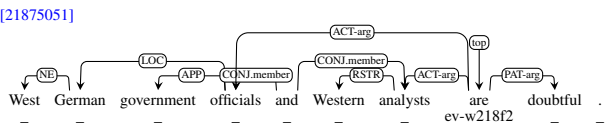
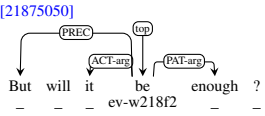
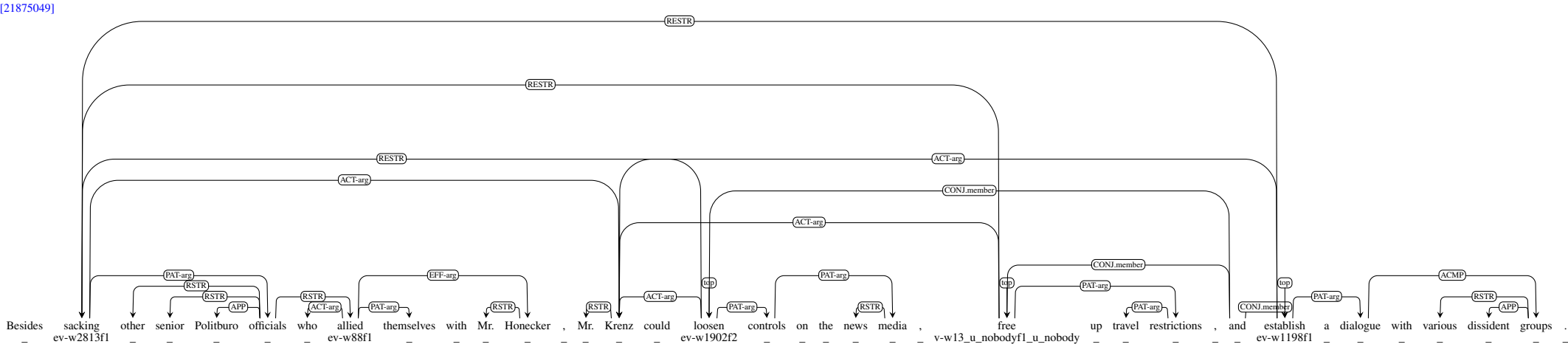
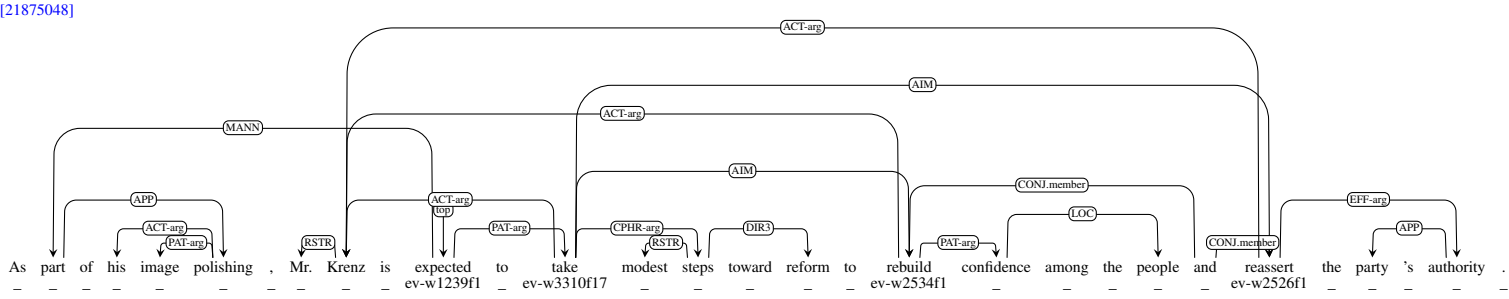
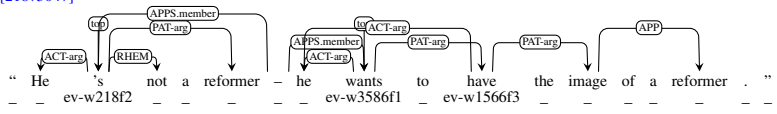
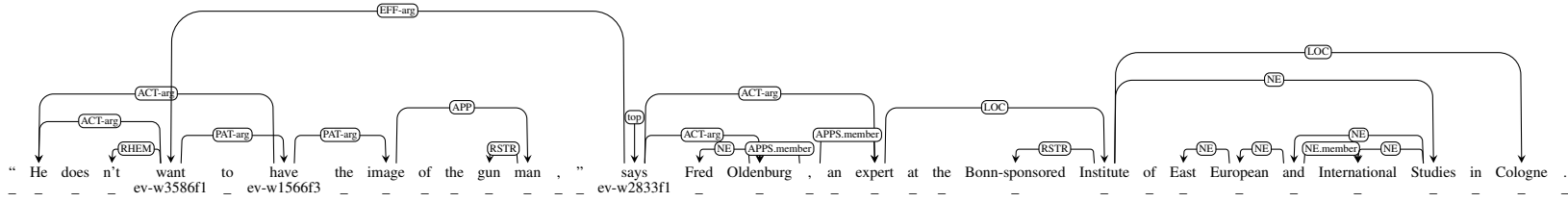
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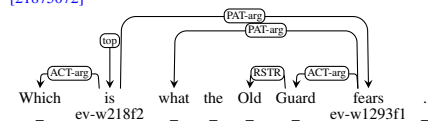
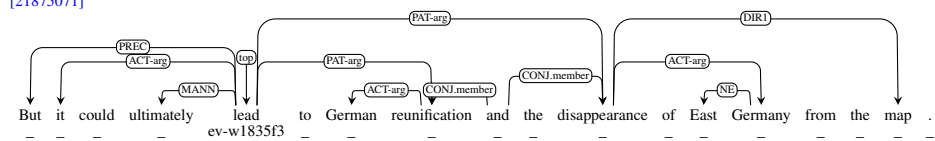
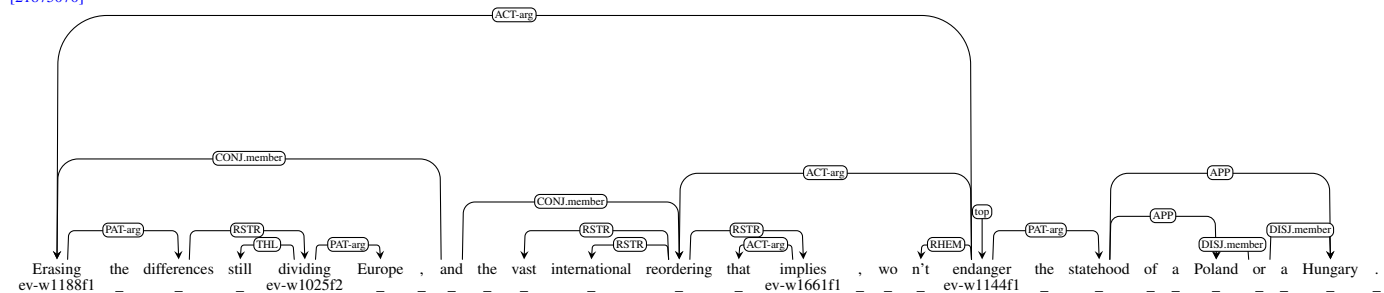
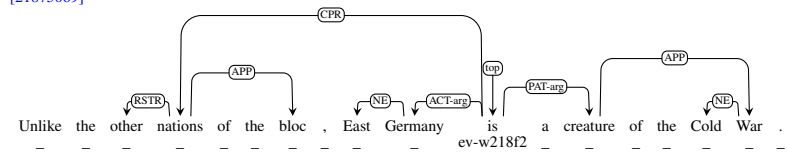
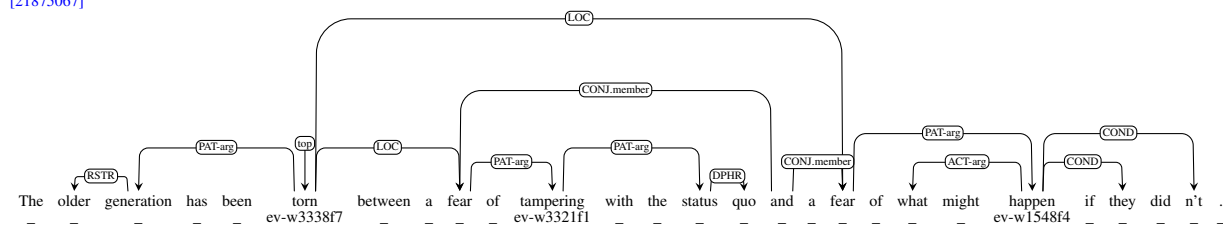
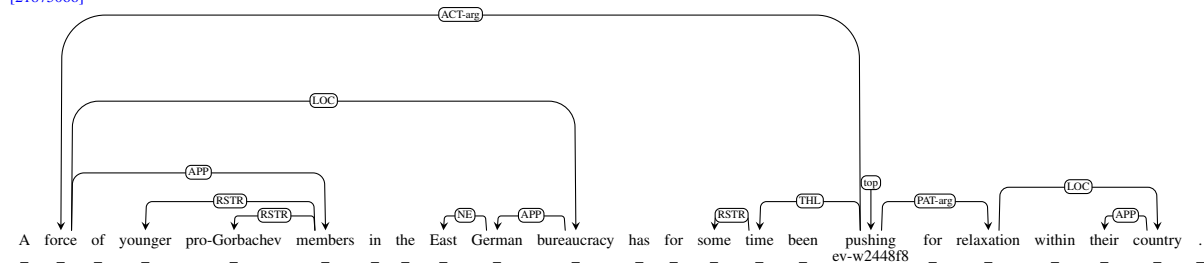
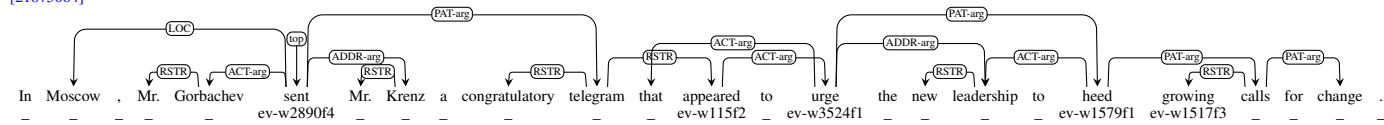
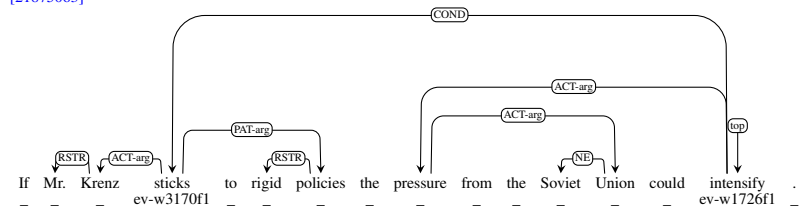
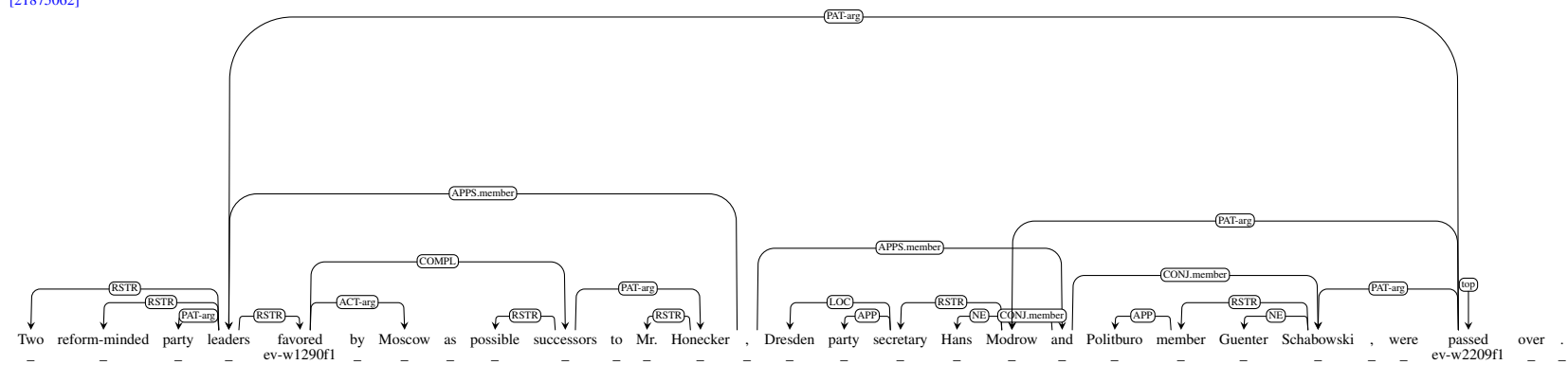
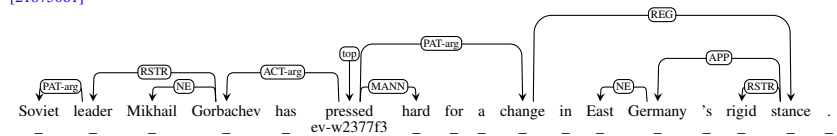
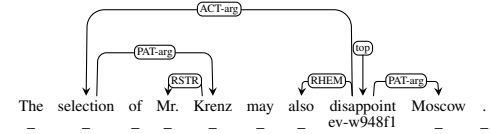
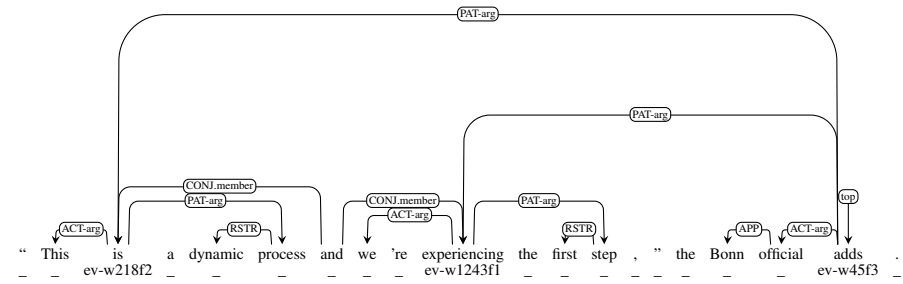
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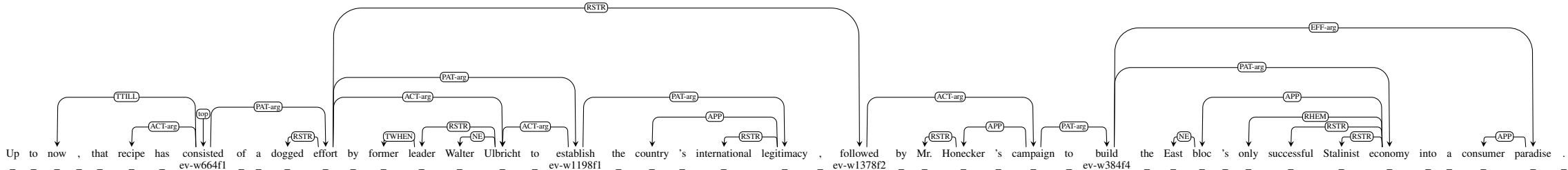
According to a report widely circulating in East Berlin , it was Mr. Krenz who ordered police to stop using excessive force against demonstrators in Leipzig .

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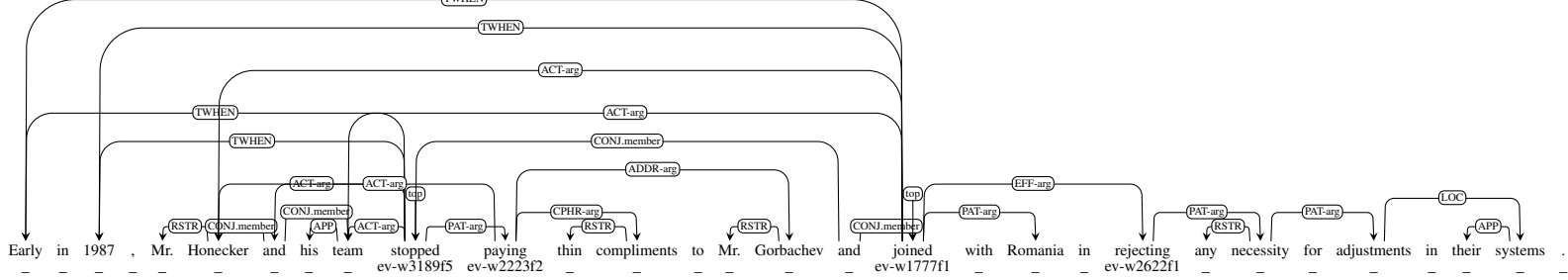




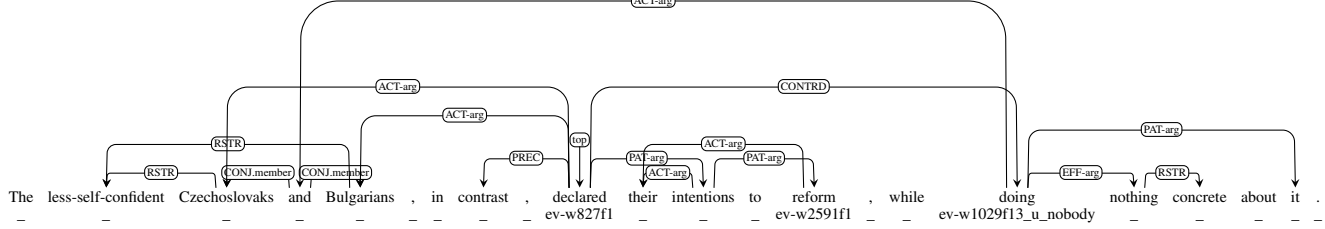
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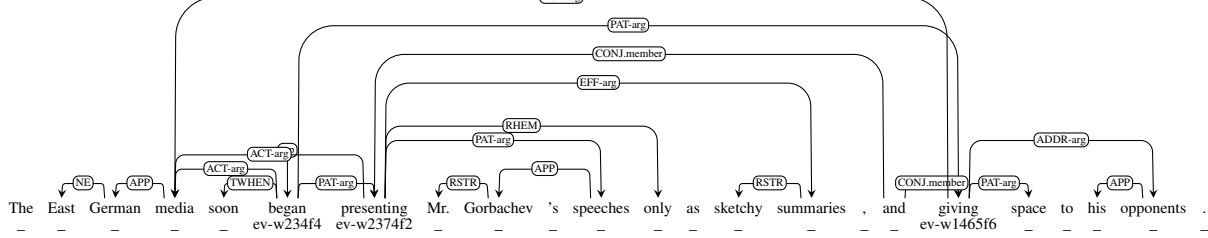
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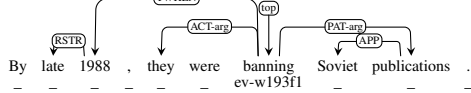
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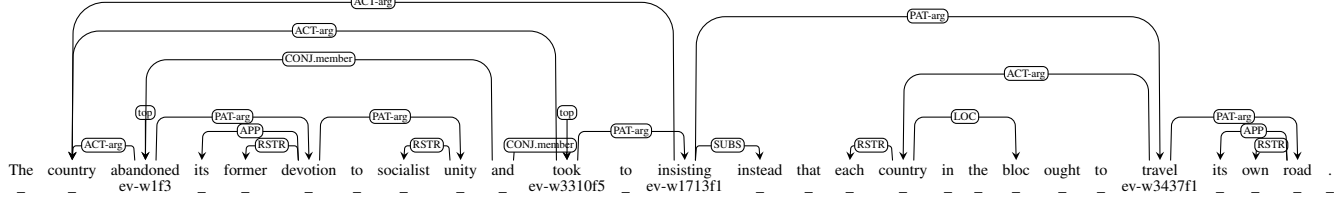
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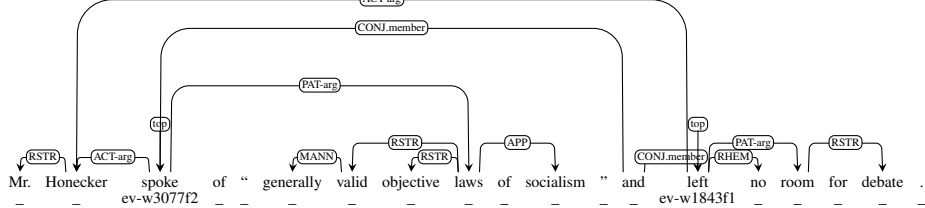
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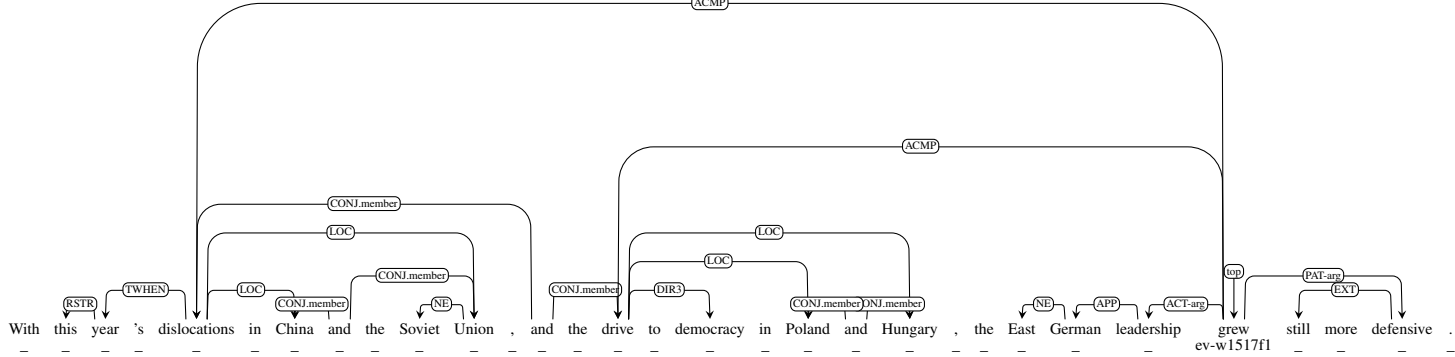
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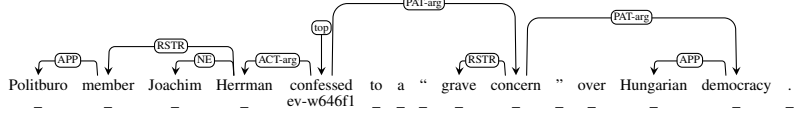
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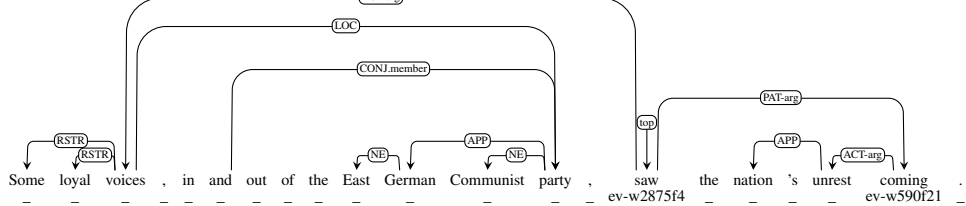
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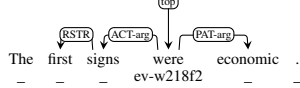
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Despite heavily subsidized consumer industries , East Germans have for years watched the West pull v-w462_u_nobodyf1_u_nobody farther out ahead .

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In 1988 , for the first time , economic growth came to a dead stop .

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Gingerly , some economists began to blame central planning .

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Some writers in theoretical journals even raised the notion of introducing democracy , at least in the workplace .

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By summer , an independent reform movement was saying out loud what it had only whispered before .

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But they are stalwart socialists .

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Their proclaimed purpose is to cleanse East Germany of its Stalinist muck , not to merge with the West .

[21875094]

One of their pastors has envisioned a " new utopia " of " creative socialism " .

[21875095]

Meanwhile , the man Mr. Krenz replaces has left an indelible mark on East German society .

[21875096]

Imprisoned by the Nazis during World War II for his political beliefs , Mr. Honecker typified the postwar generation of committed Communist leaders in Eastern Europe who took their cues from Moscow .

[21875097]

He was a " socialist warrior " who felt rankled by West Germany 's enormous postwar prosperity and the Bonn government 's steadfast refusal to recognize the legitimacy of his state .

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But ultimately he was undone by forces unleashed by his own comrade , Mr. Gorbachev .

[21875100]

Mr. Honecker 's removal " was bound to happen " , says one aide to Chancellor Kohl .

[21875101]

" It was only a matter of time . "

[21875102]

The European Community Commission increased its forecast for economic growth in the EC in 1989 to 3.5 % , slightly higher than its June projection of 3.25 % .

[21875103]

In its annual economic report for 1989-1990 , the commission also projected 1990 gross domestic product growth for the 12 EC members at 3 % .

[21875104]

EC inflation was seen at 4.8 % in 1989 , higher than 1988 's 3.6 % price rise .

[21875105]

However , inflation for 1990 was seen slowing to 4.5 % .

[21875106]

Leading EC growth forecasts in 1989 was Ireland , seen growing 5 % at constant prices .

[21875107]

Slower growth countries included Greece , at 2.5 % , the U.K. , at 2.25 % , and Denmark , at 1.75 % .

[21875108]

Inflation is expected to be highest in Greece , where it is projected at 14.25 % , and Portugal , at 13 % .

[21875109]

At the other end of the spectrum , West German inflation was forecast at 3 % in 1989 and 2.75 % in 1990 .

[21875110]

Nestle Korea Ltd. opened a coffee and non-dairy-creamer plant in Chongju , South Korea .

[21875111]

An official at Nestle Korea , a 50-50 joint venture between Nestle S.A. and the Doosan Group , said the new facility will manufacture all types of soluble , roasted and ground coffee , coffee mix and nondairy coffee creamer .

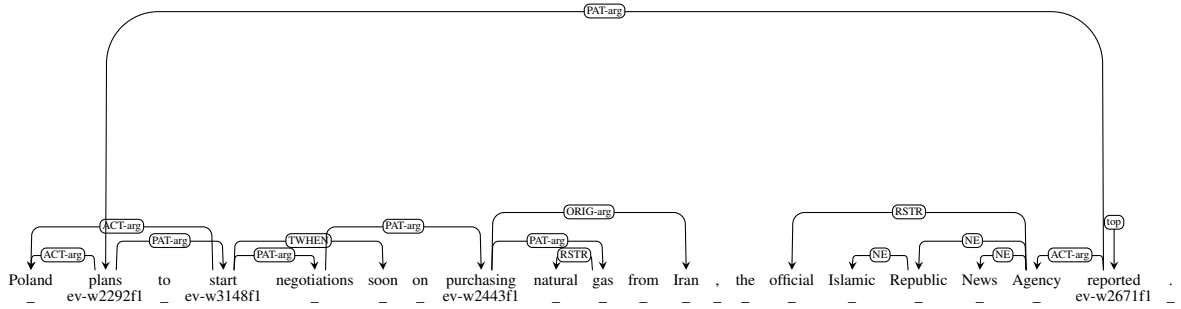
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The South Korean coffee market , consisting mostly of instant coffee , was estimated at about 100 billion won (\$ 150.7 million) last year .

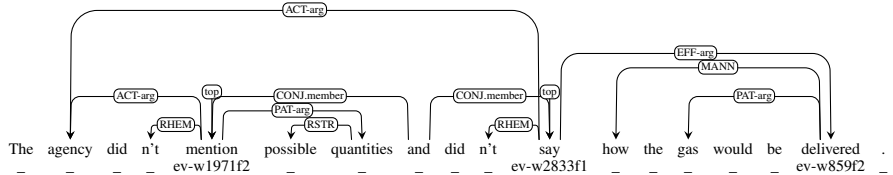
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Brands made by the Kraft General Foods unit of Philip Morris Cos. had about 95 % of the market share .

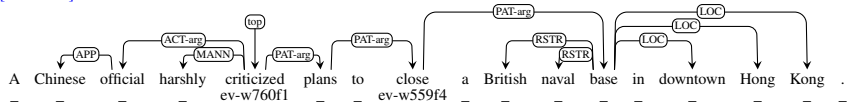
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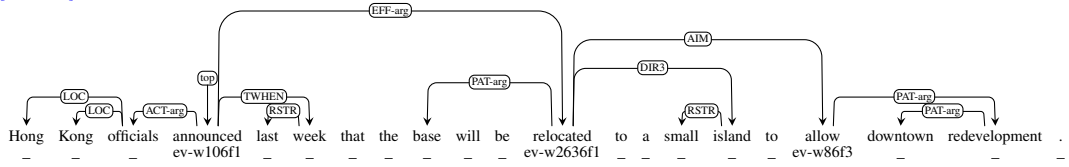
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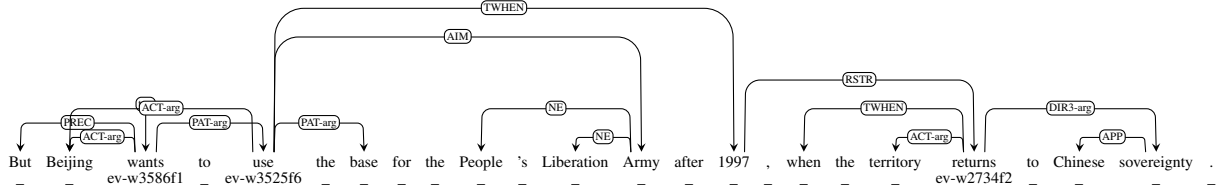
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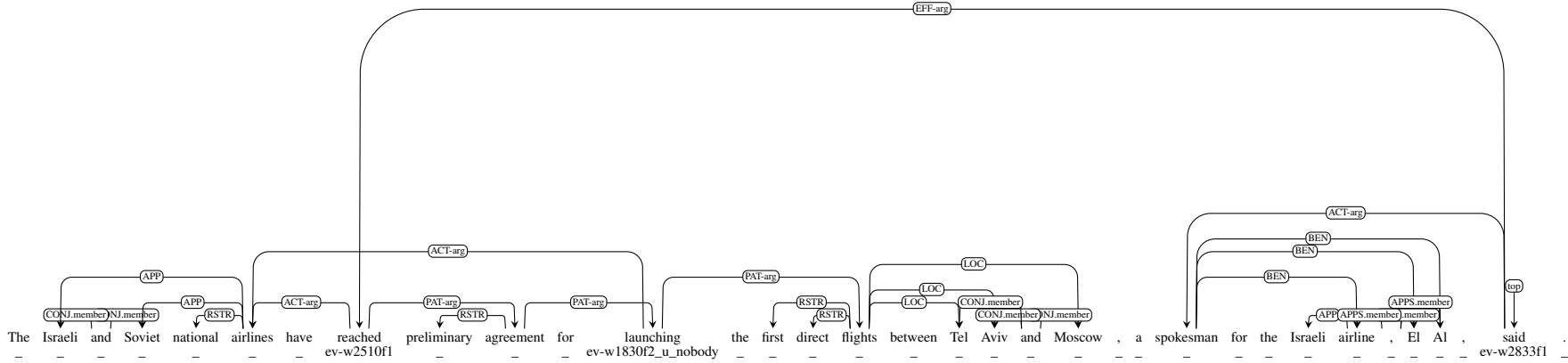
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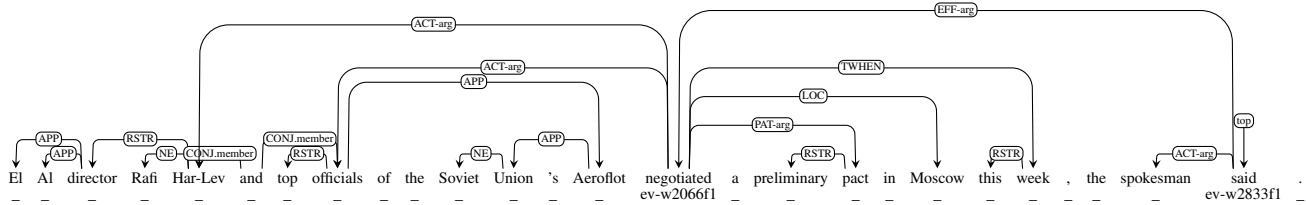
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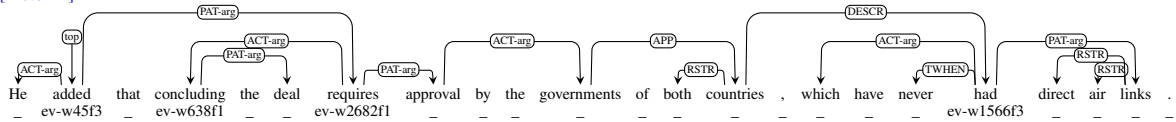
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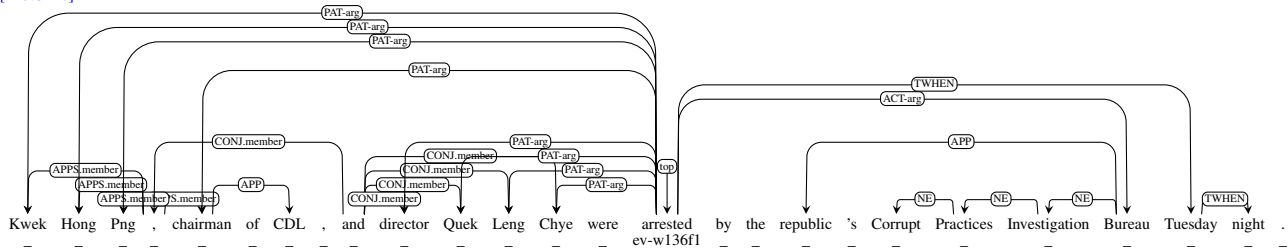
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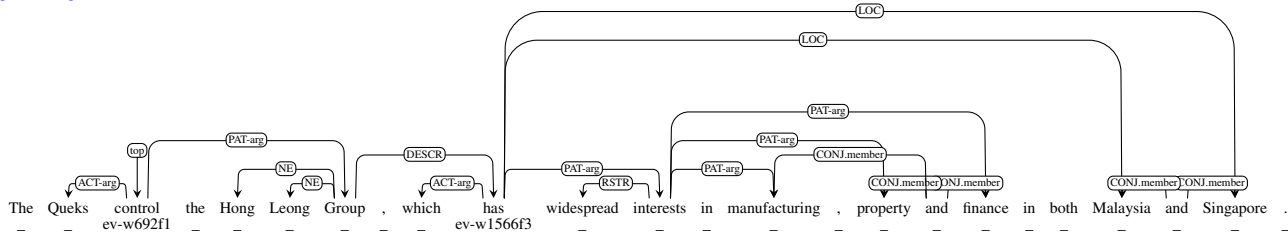
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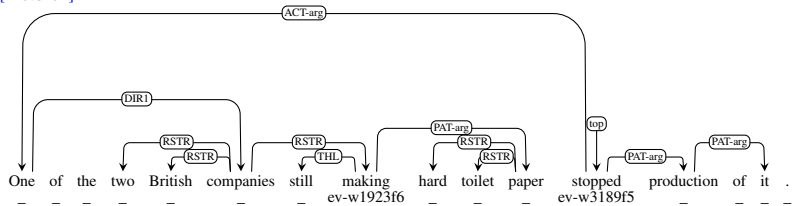
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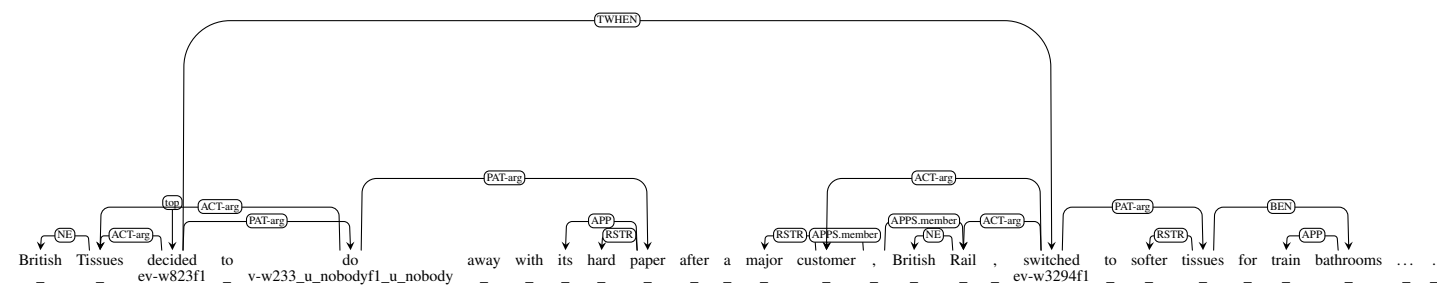
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