

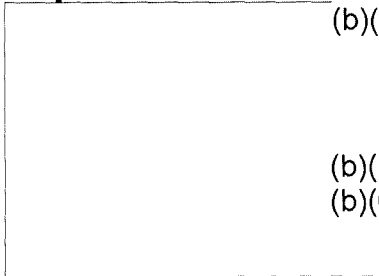


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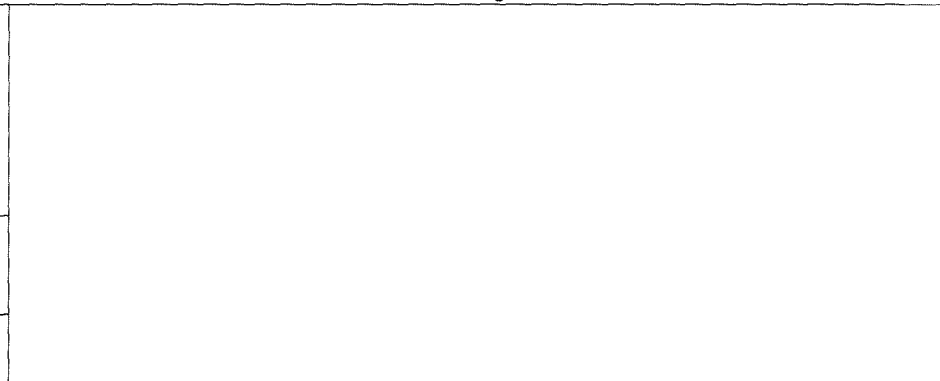
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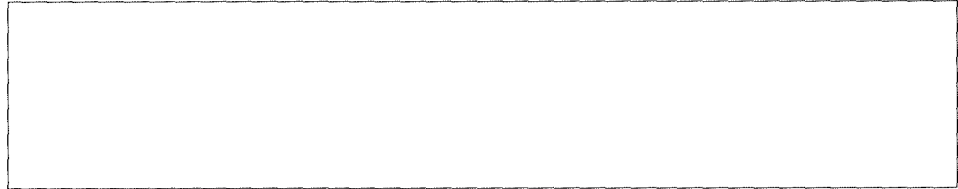


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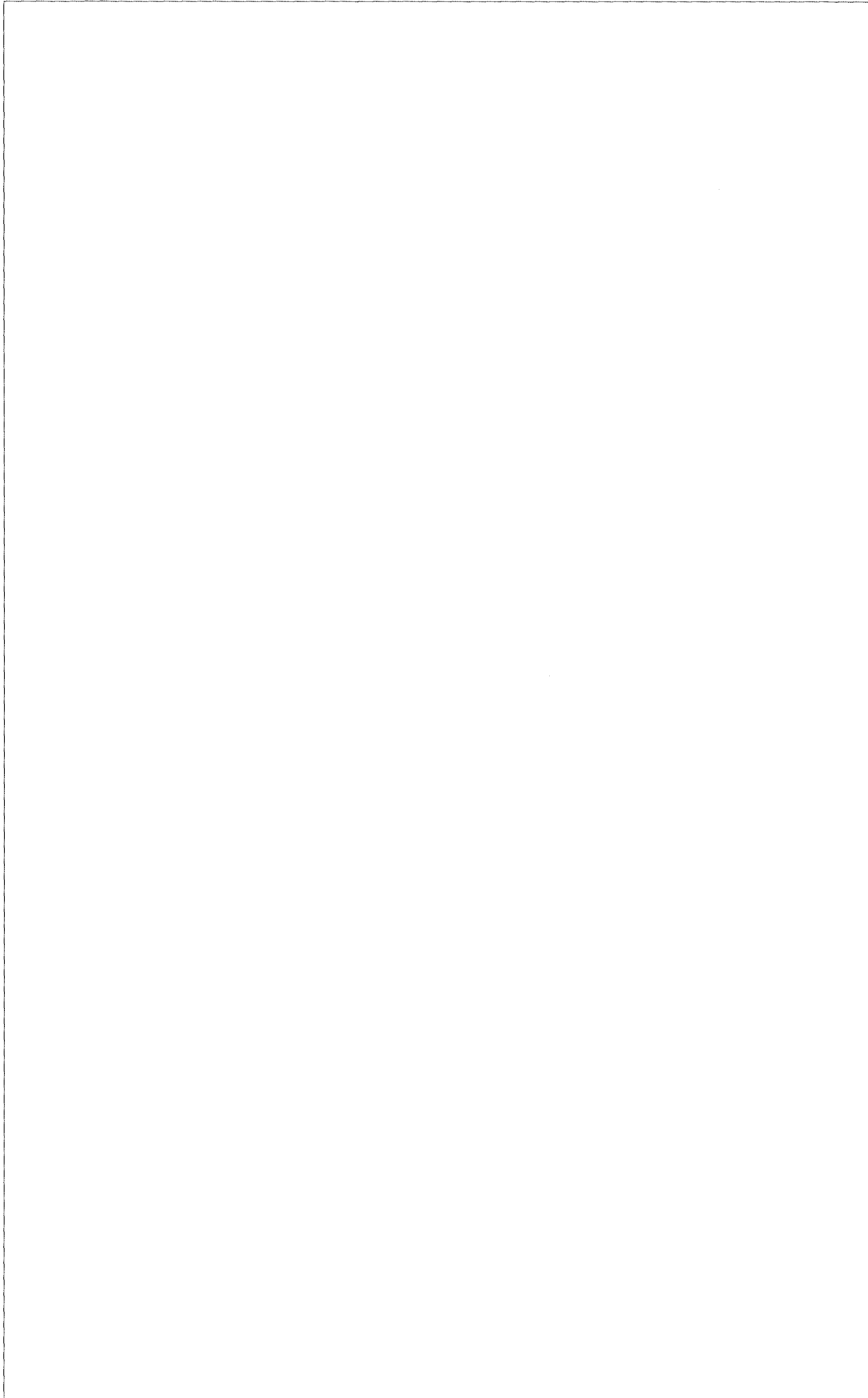
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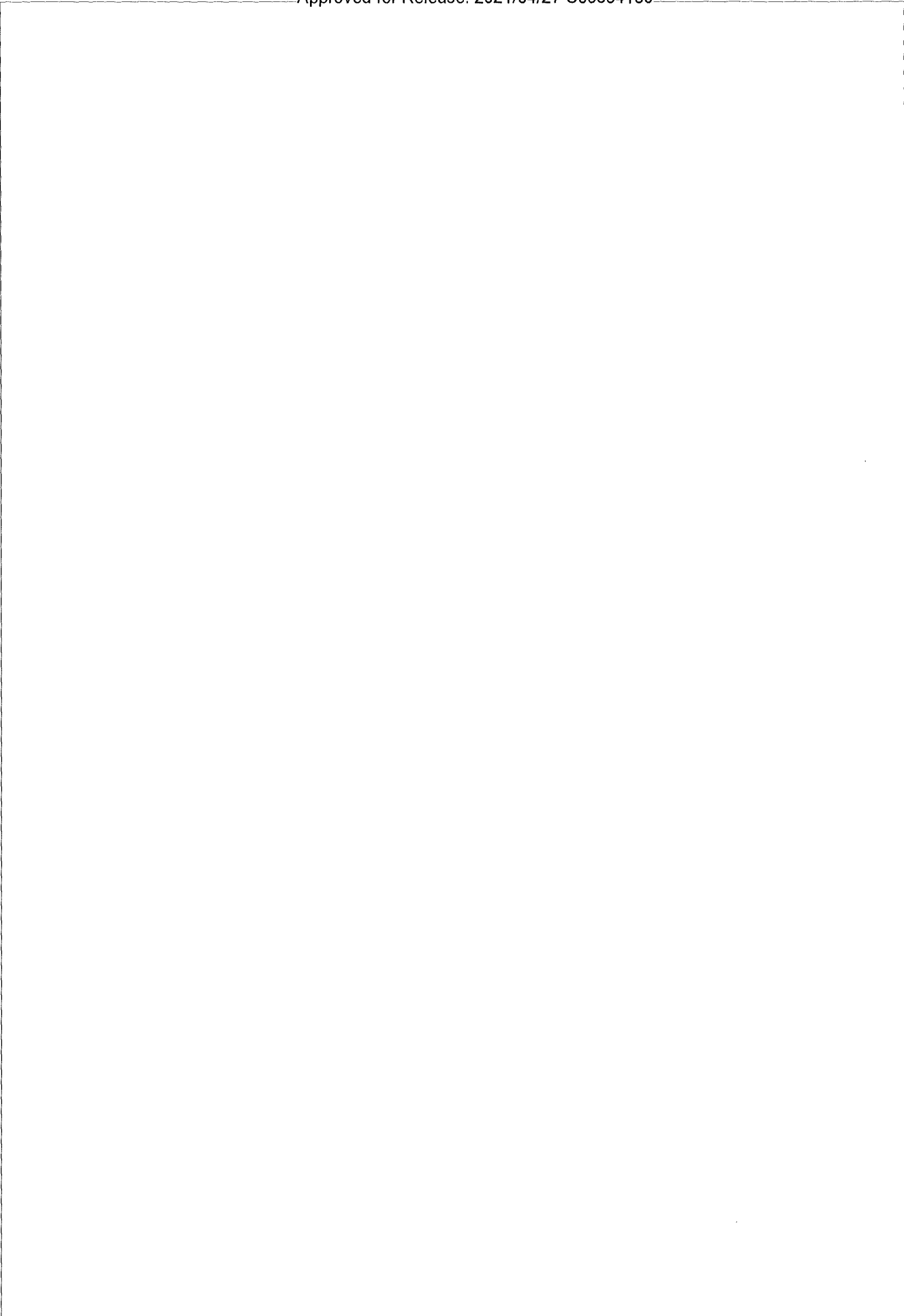
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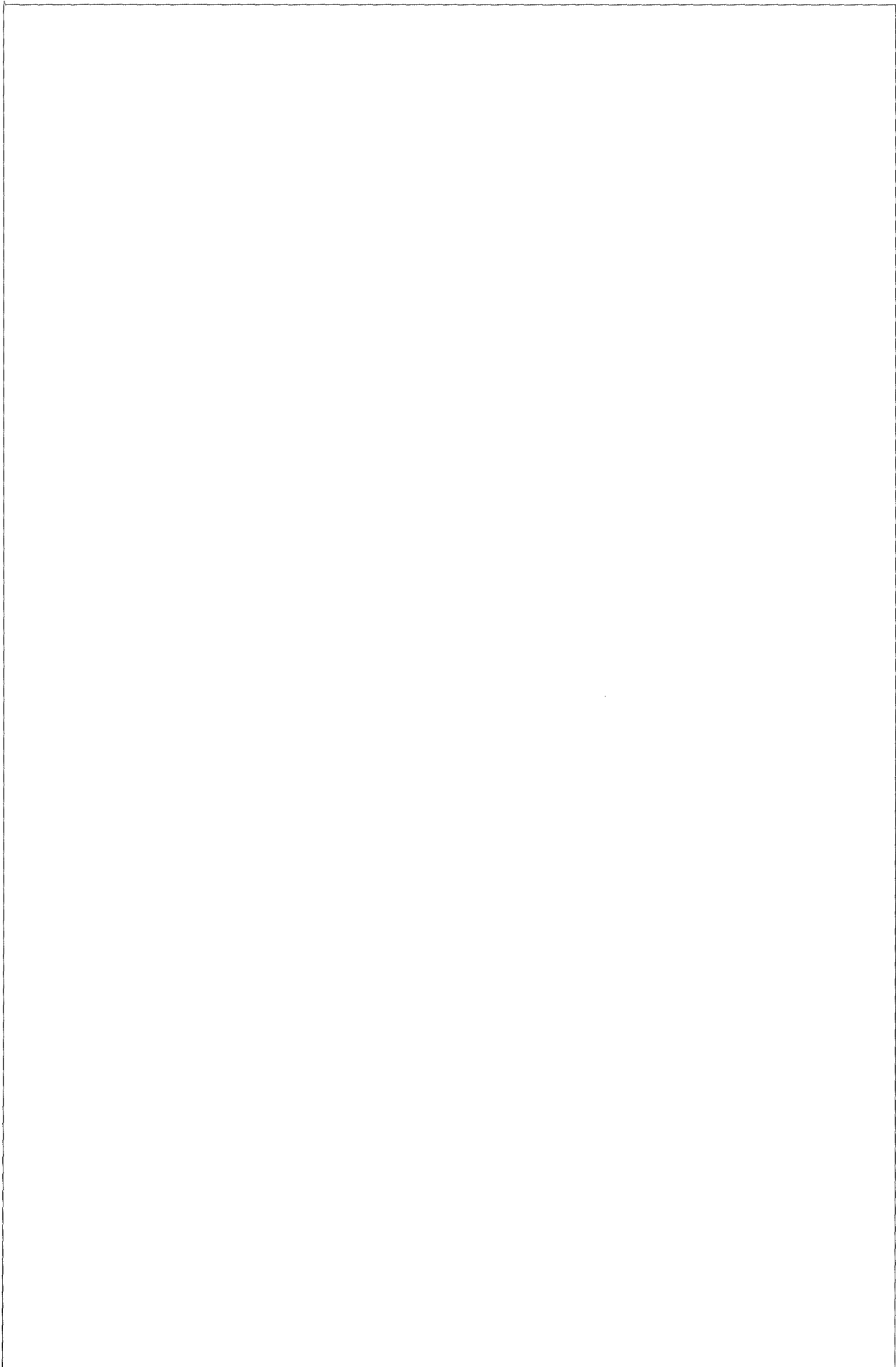
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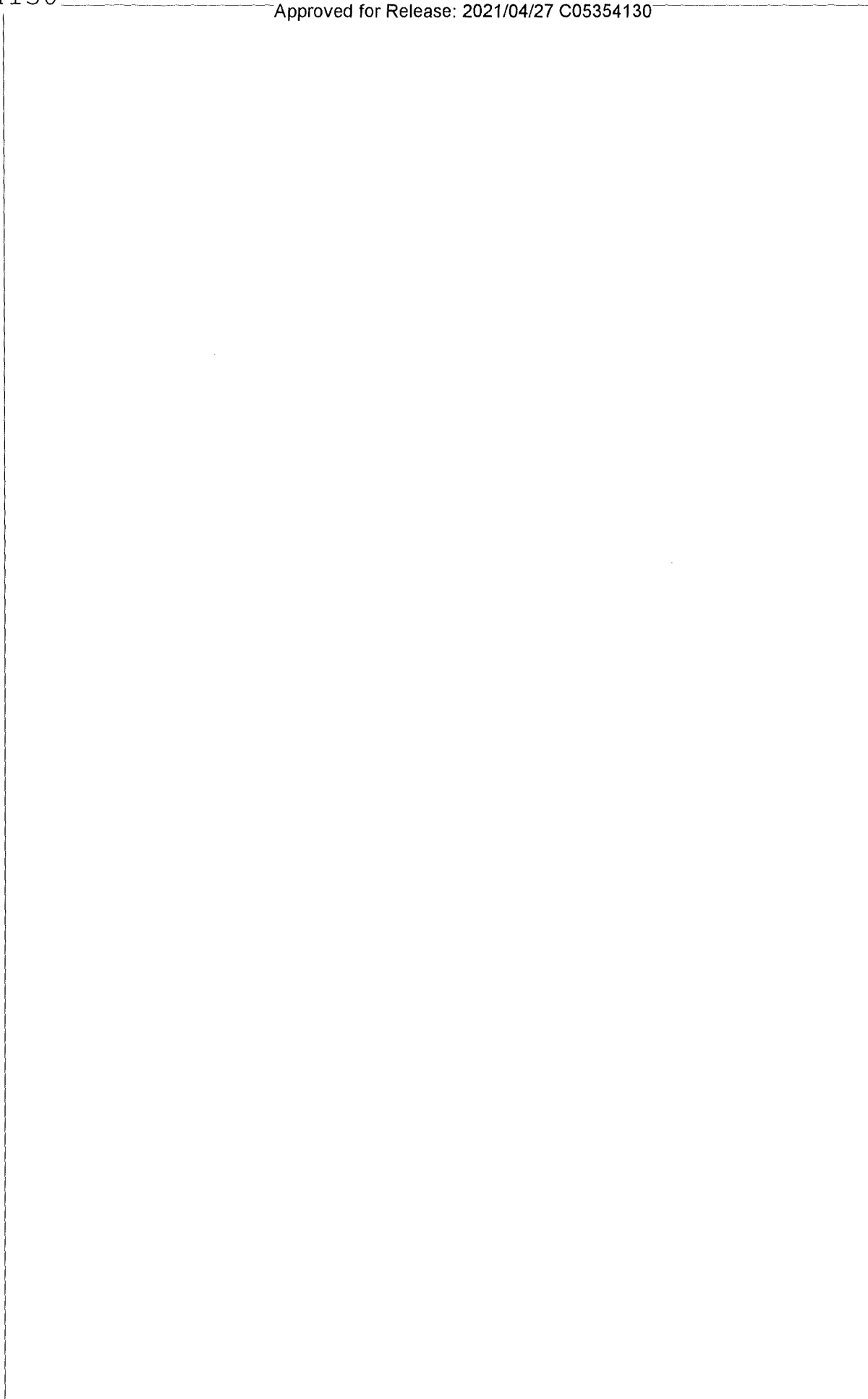
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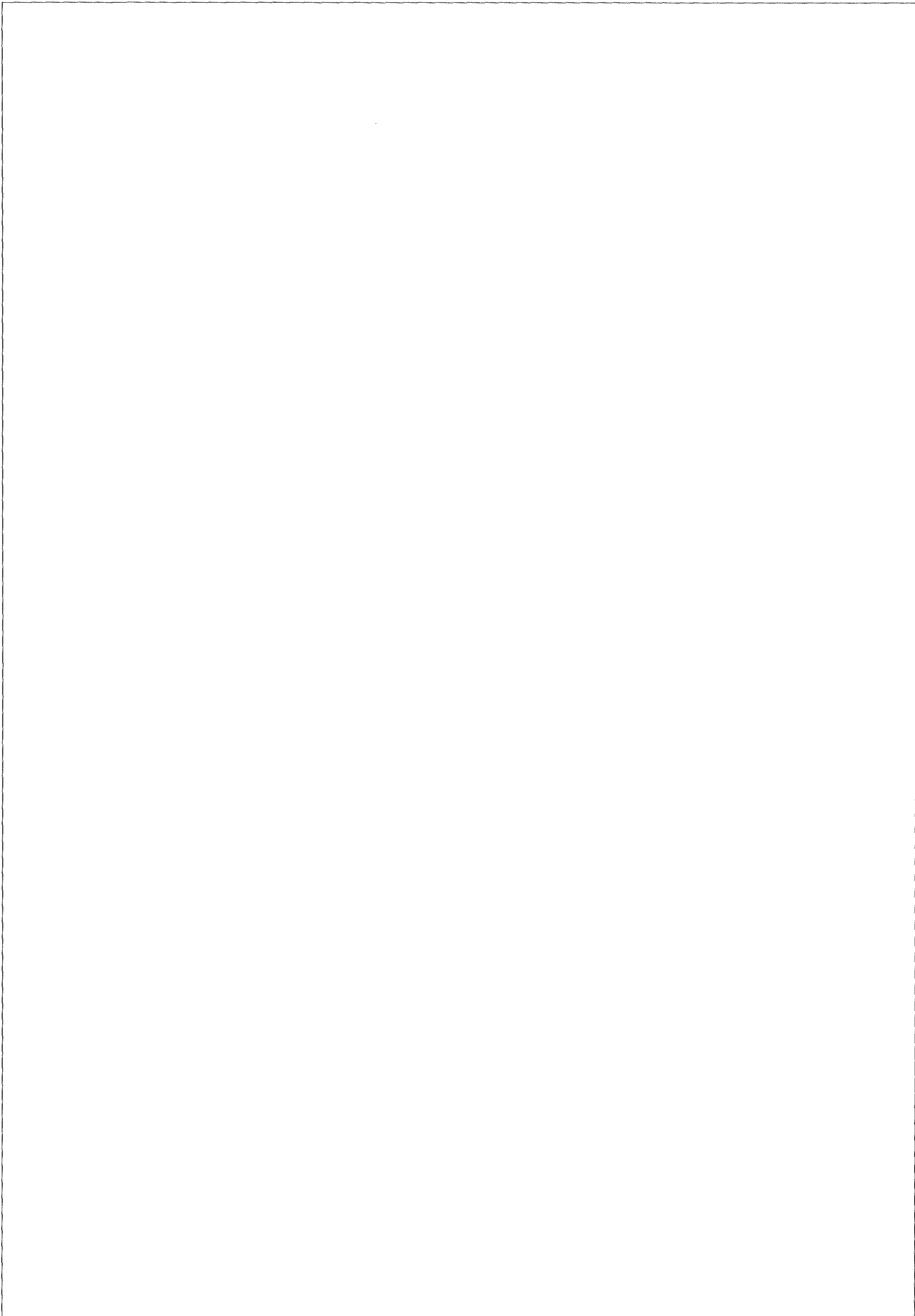








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**EL SALVADOR: Postelection Situation**

**Both the government and the guerrillas are preparing to increase military activity, and President-elect Duarte apparently has decided on most of his cabinet selections.** [Redacted]

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[Redacted] Army units have begun operations in Chalatenango and San Miguel Departments. Another sweep is under way along the northern border of Morazan and La Union, with the elite US-trained Belloso Battalion spearheading the operation. The other elite units—three immediate reaction battalions and an airborne battalion—are still in garrison [Redacted]

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[Redacted] one of the two largest guerrilla factions will soon become more active in and around San Salvador. The group plans to burn buses, plant bombs, and harass government and military installations [Redacted] the faction will begin the campaign in the capital this month. [Redacted]

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Meanwhile, press reports indicate Duarte has nearly completed the selection of his cabinet. About half the appointees are Christian Democrats, while the remainder are technocrats. The current Foreign and Defense Ministers—Fidel Chavez Mena and General Eugenio Vides Casanova—evidently will retain their portfolios. [Redacted]

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**Comment:** The Army, buoyed by its success in providing security for the election, is anxious to resume operations against the insurgents. It evidently is resting and refitting most of the elite units for the new operations [Redacted]

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The guerrillas appear under pressure to regain credibility following their failure to disrupt the election. They may see Duarte's inauguration on 1 June as an opportune time for scoring tactical and psychological successes. [Redacted]

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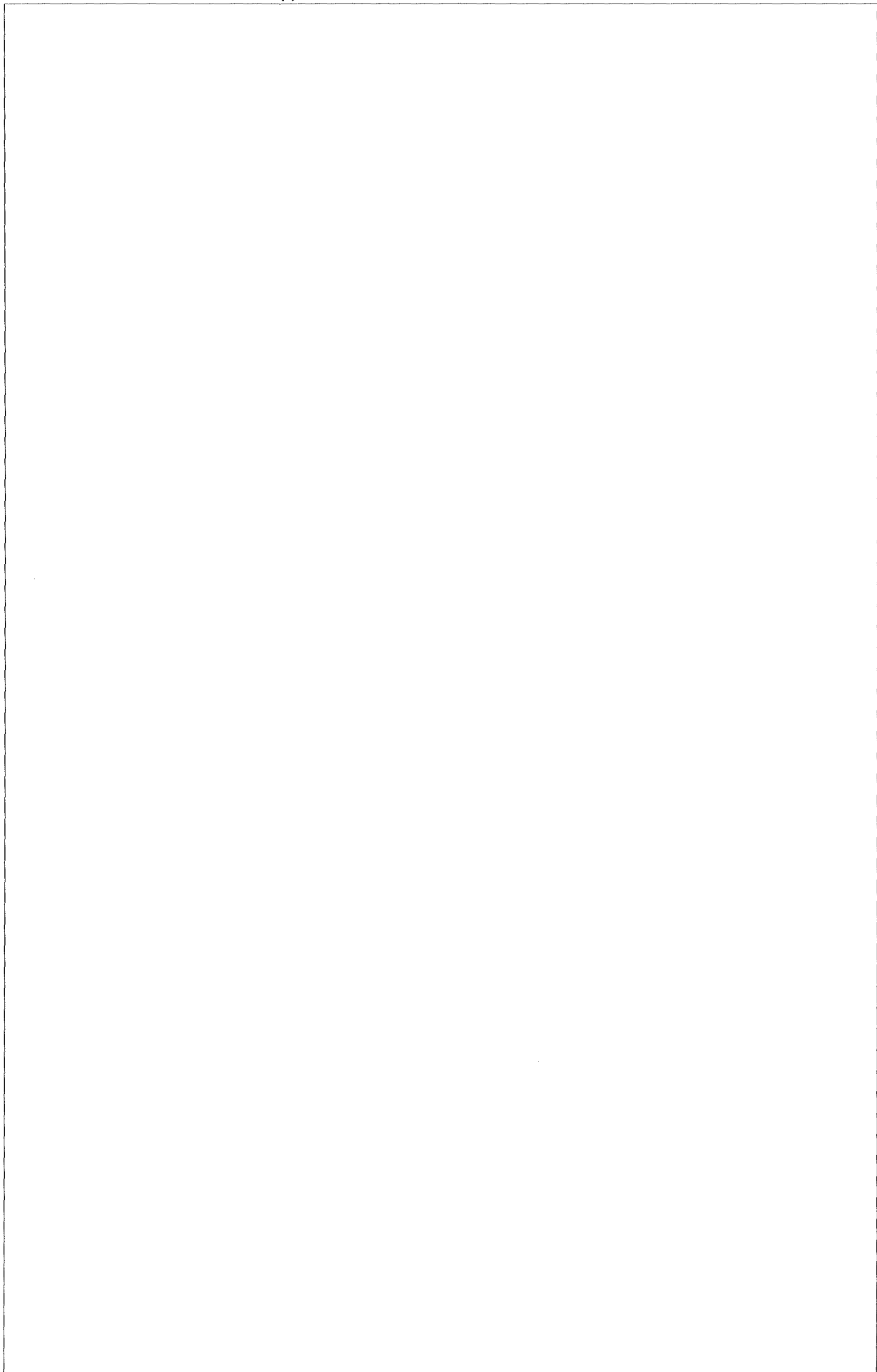
The retention of Chavez Mena and Vides would give the Duarte government essential continuity in key cabinet positions. In addition, military anxiety about the possibility of sweeping changes in the high command will be allayed. On the other hand, Duarte's apparent failure to include other political parties in the cabinet, especially the moderate right, may give rise to additional concerns among them. [Redacted]

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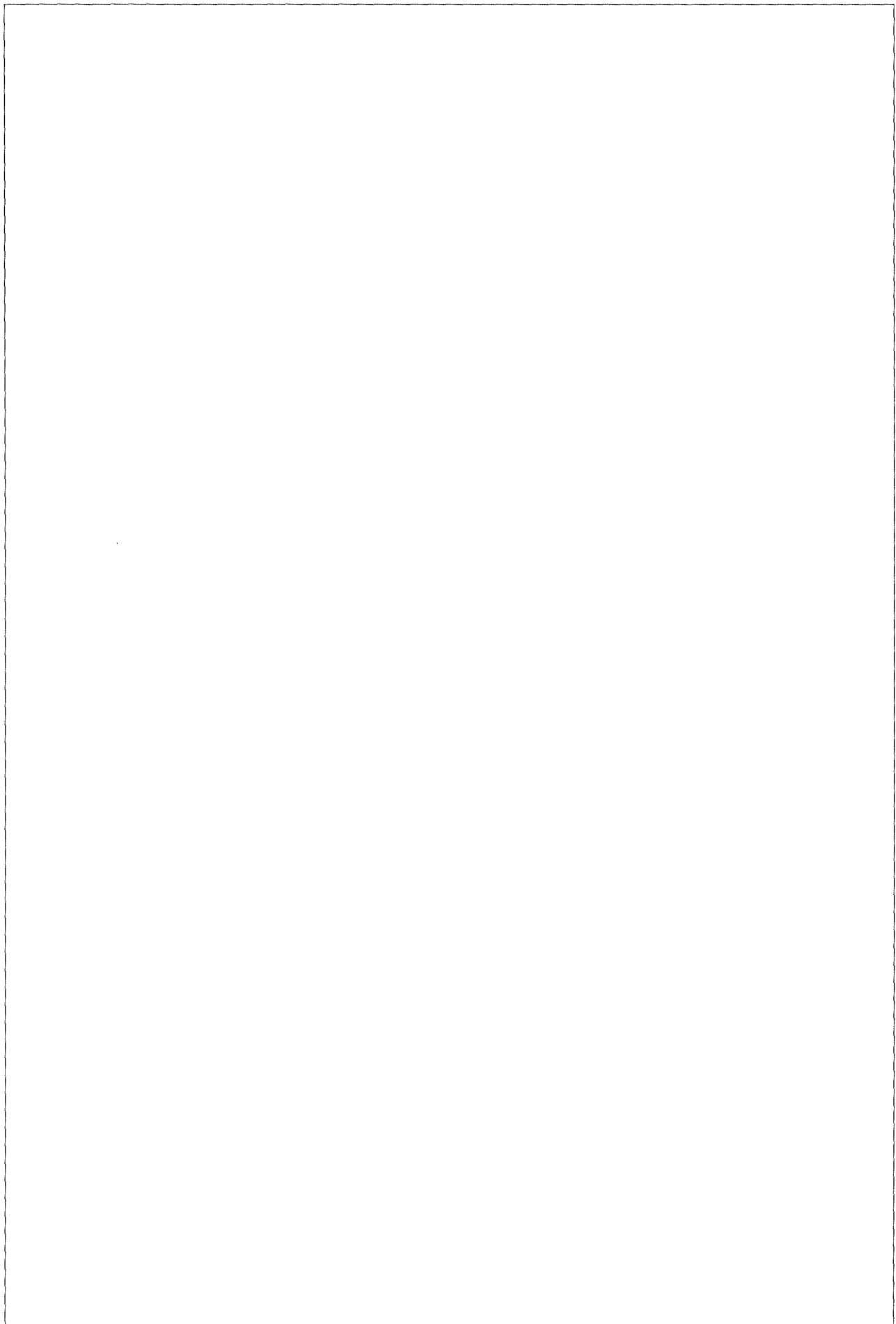
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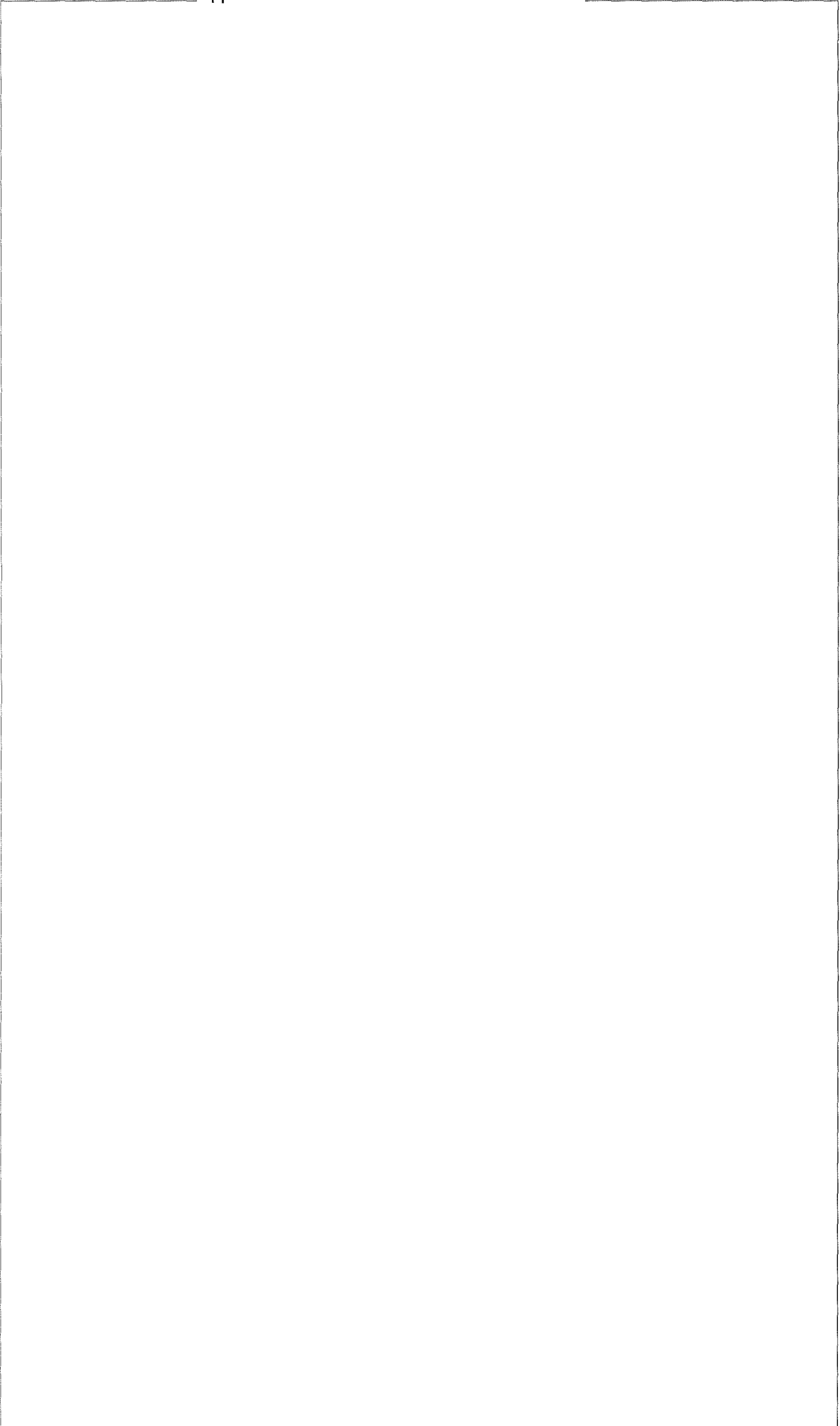
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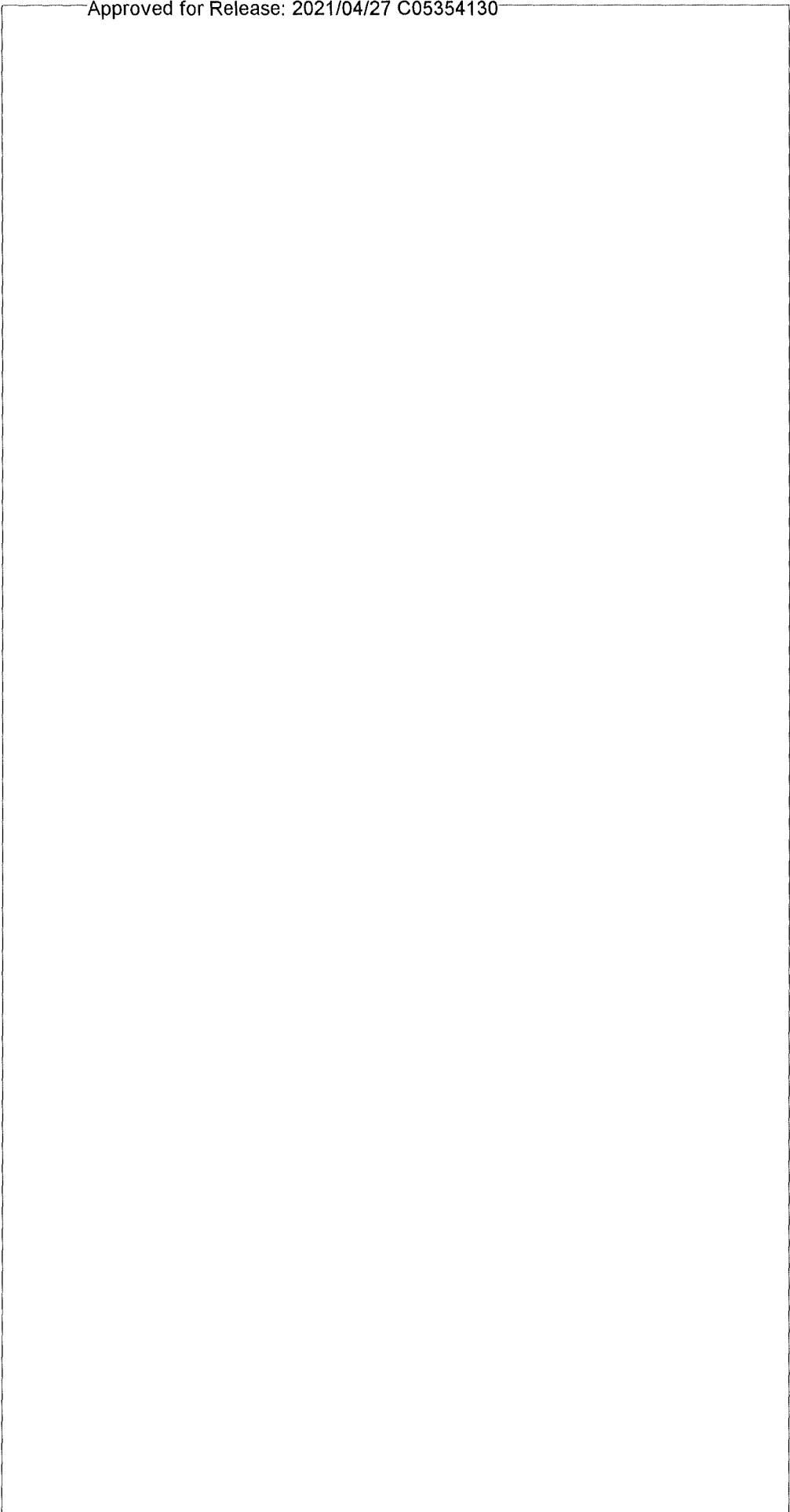


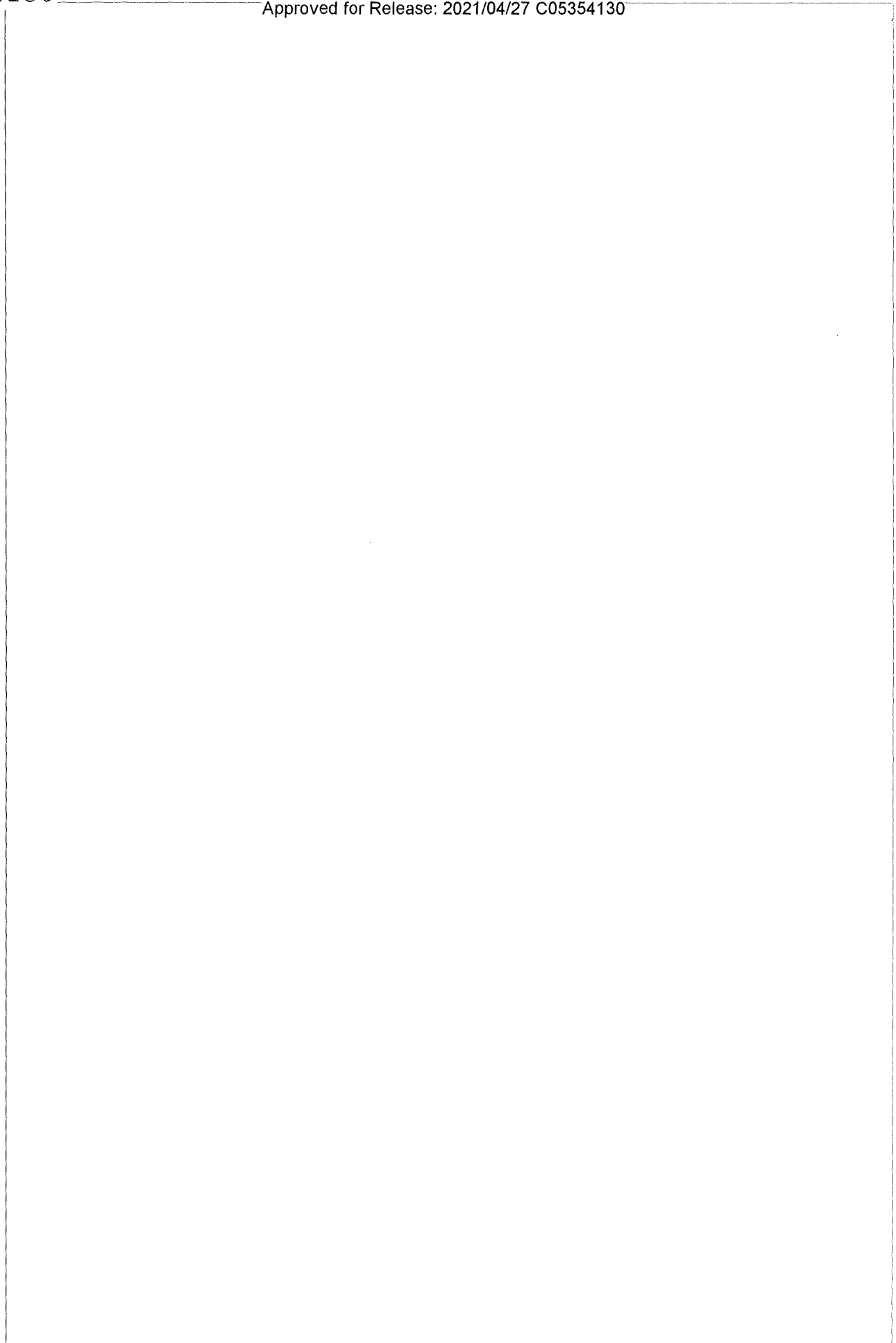
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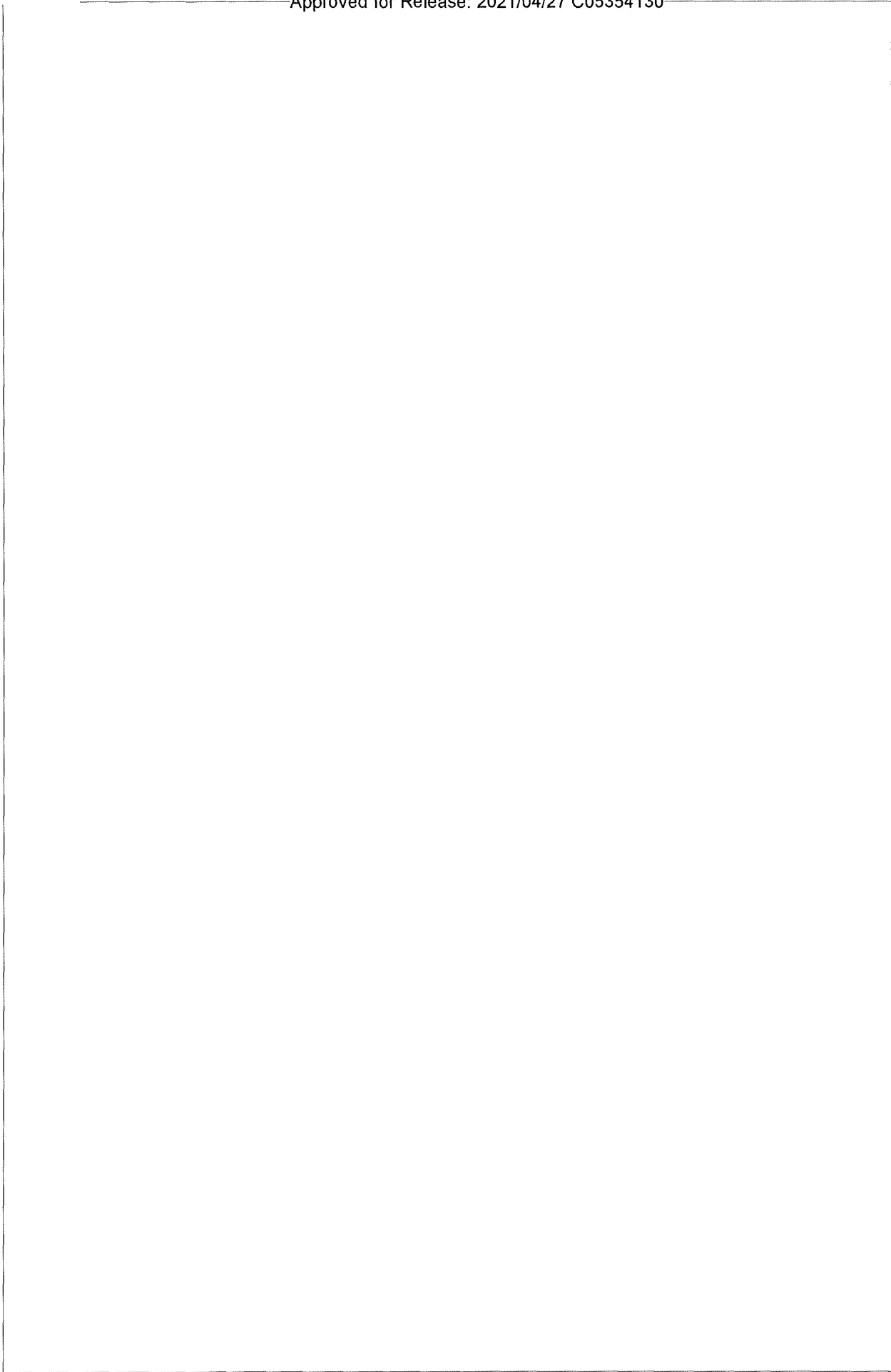


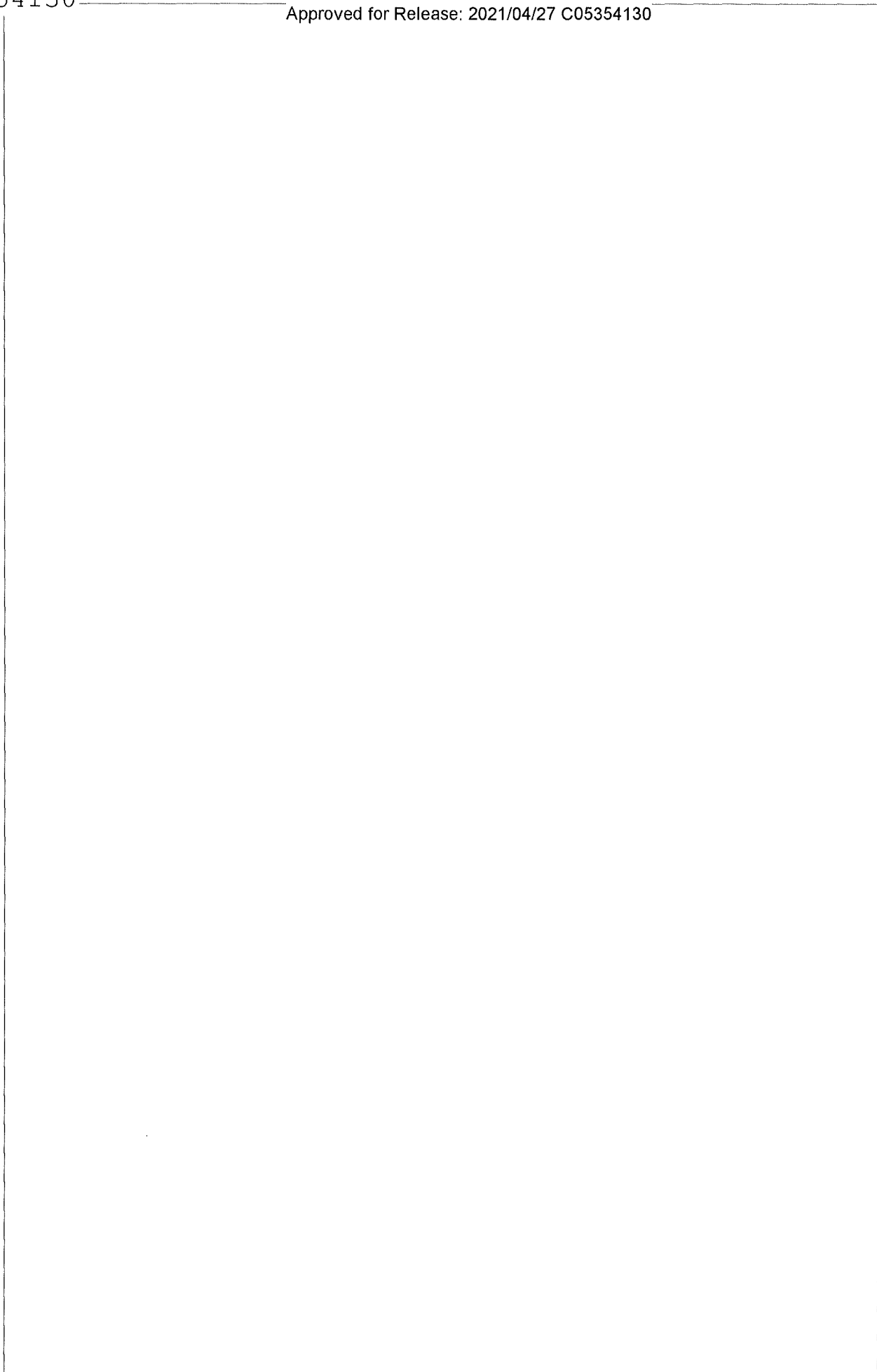




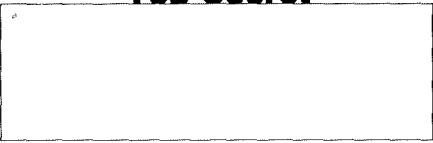




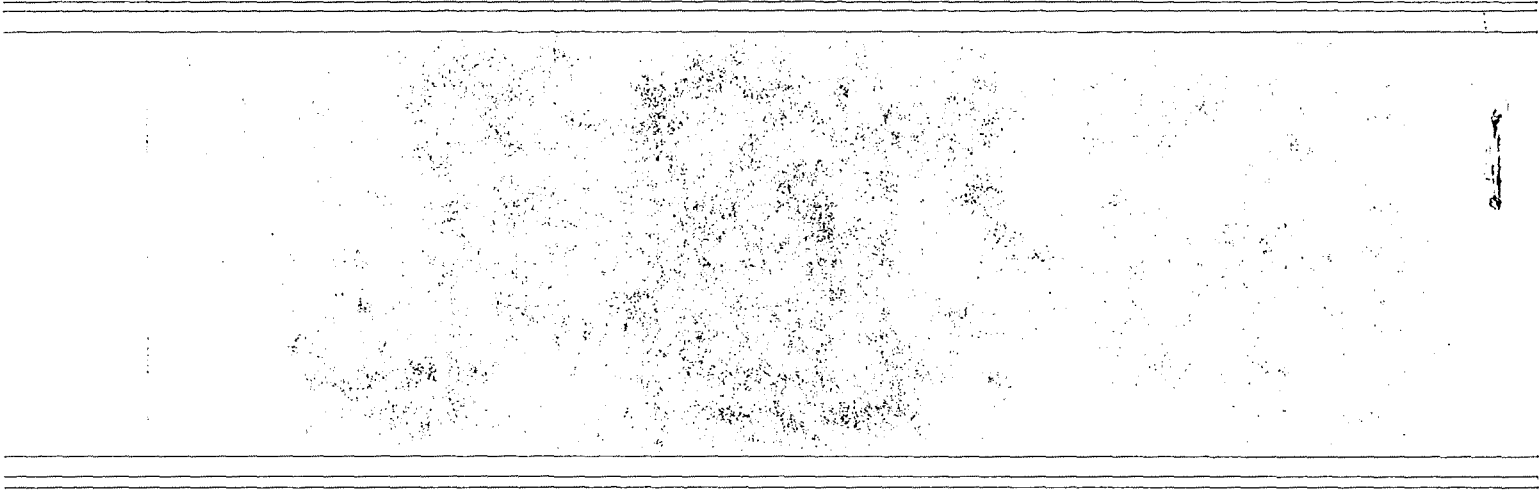




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