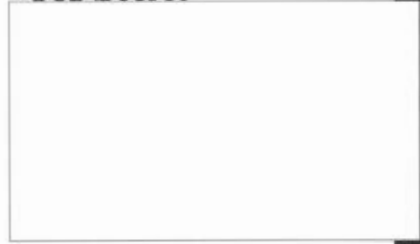




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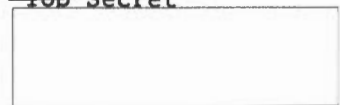
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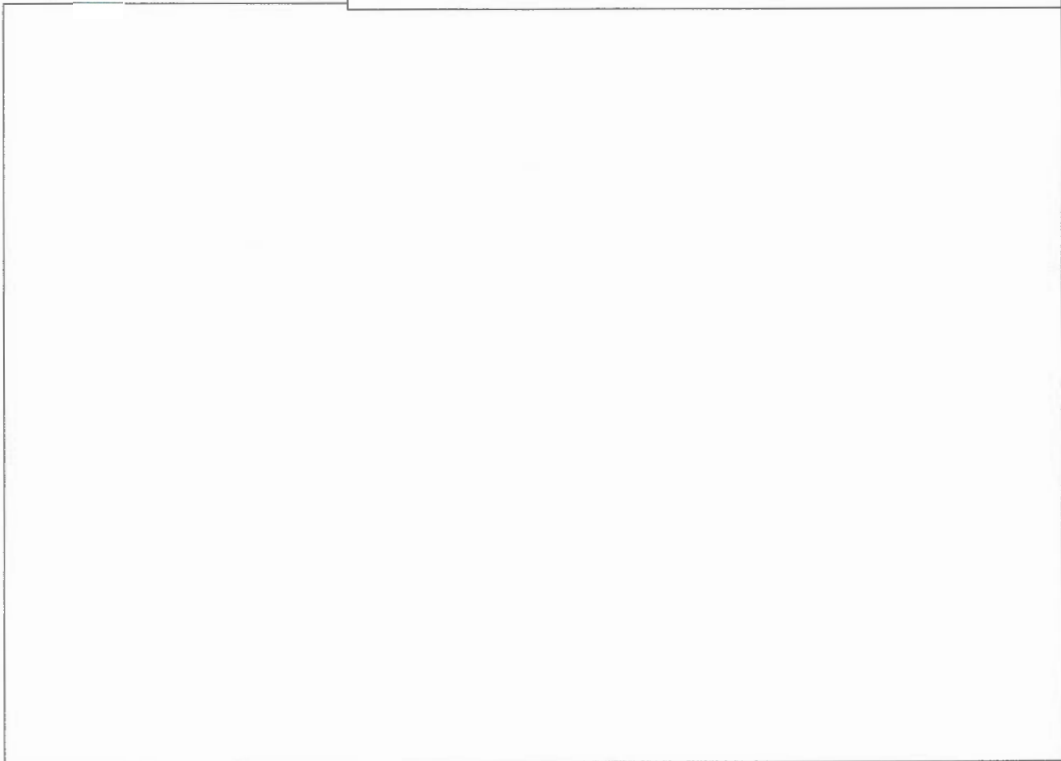
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Almost all major cities in central and eastern El Salvador are expected to be targets of insurgent attacks on the eve of the elections tomorrow, but the government will likely be able to provide adequate security at most polling places. In Nicaragua the Sandinistas are stepping up pressure against the Catholic Church.

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The Salvadoran guerrillas are preparing for major raids on a number of key cities, including Santa Ana, San Salvador, Chalatenango, Cojutepeque, San Vicente, Zacatecoluca, Usulután, San Miguel, and San Francisco.

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Meanwhile, the government is sending reinforcements to contain a guerrilla offensive in Morazan Department. The insurgents reportedly have publicly declared the region a "liberated" zone.

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The insurgents continue to experience problems in implementing their plans, in part because of recent government military offensives against major base areas. Although these operations have upset insurgent timing, some 460 Army and security troops were killed or wounded over the past month, the highest total since the beginning of the conflict.

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Comment: The insurgent attacks are likely to reduce voter turnout in some areas, but polling places are likely to be secure. Nevertheless, the military may be sorely tested in the east, where its forces are stretched thin and the insurgents are concentrating their efforts. The insurgents declared part of Morazan "liberated" last August, and their recent announcement will likely once again prove premature.

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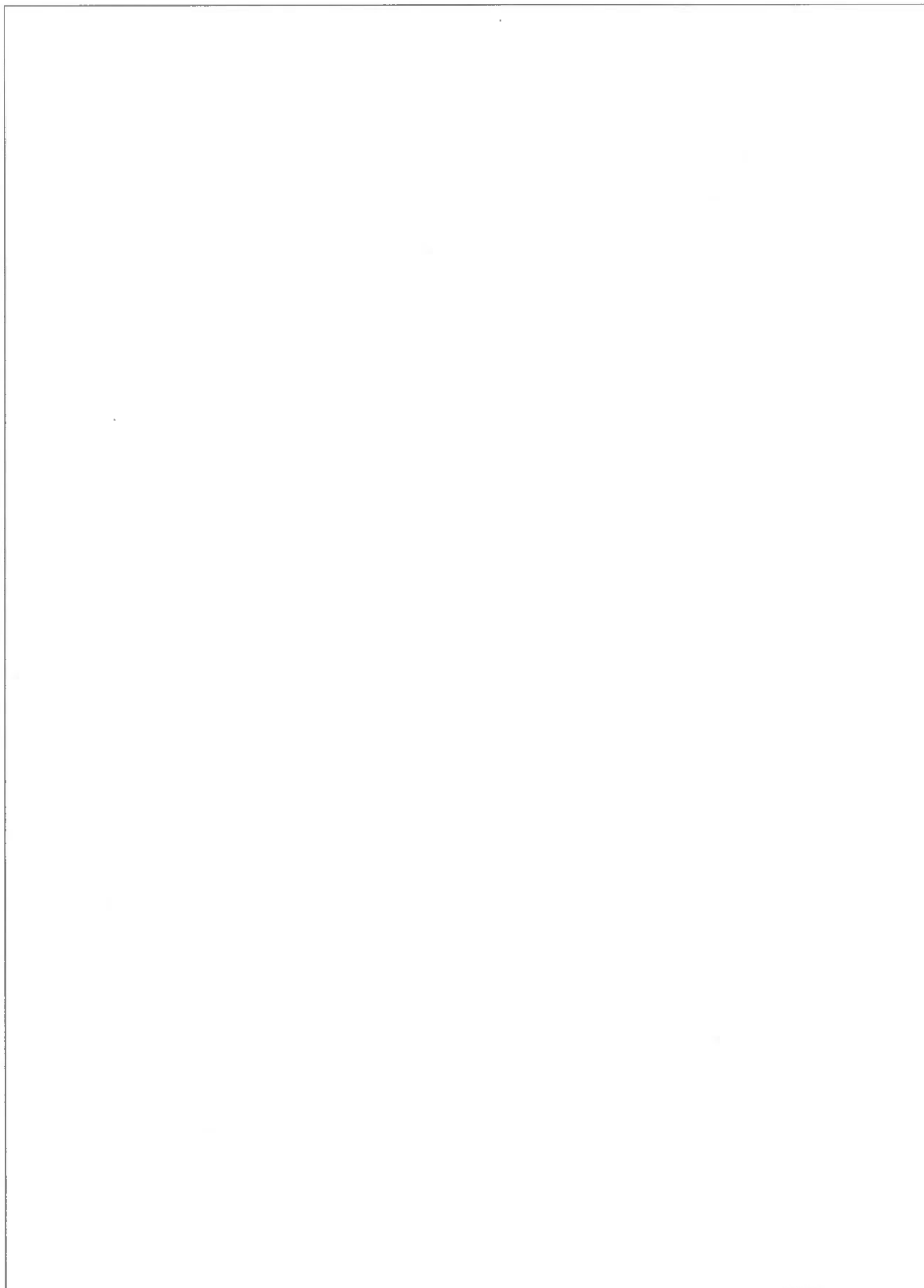
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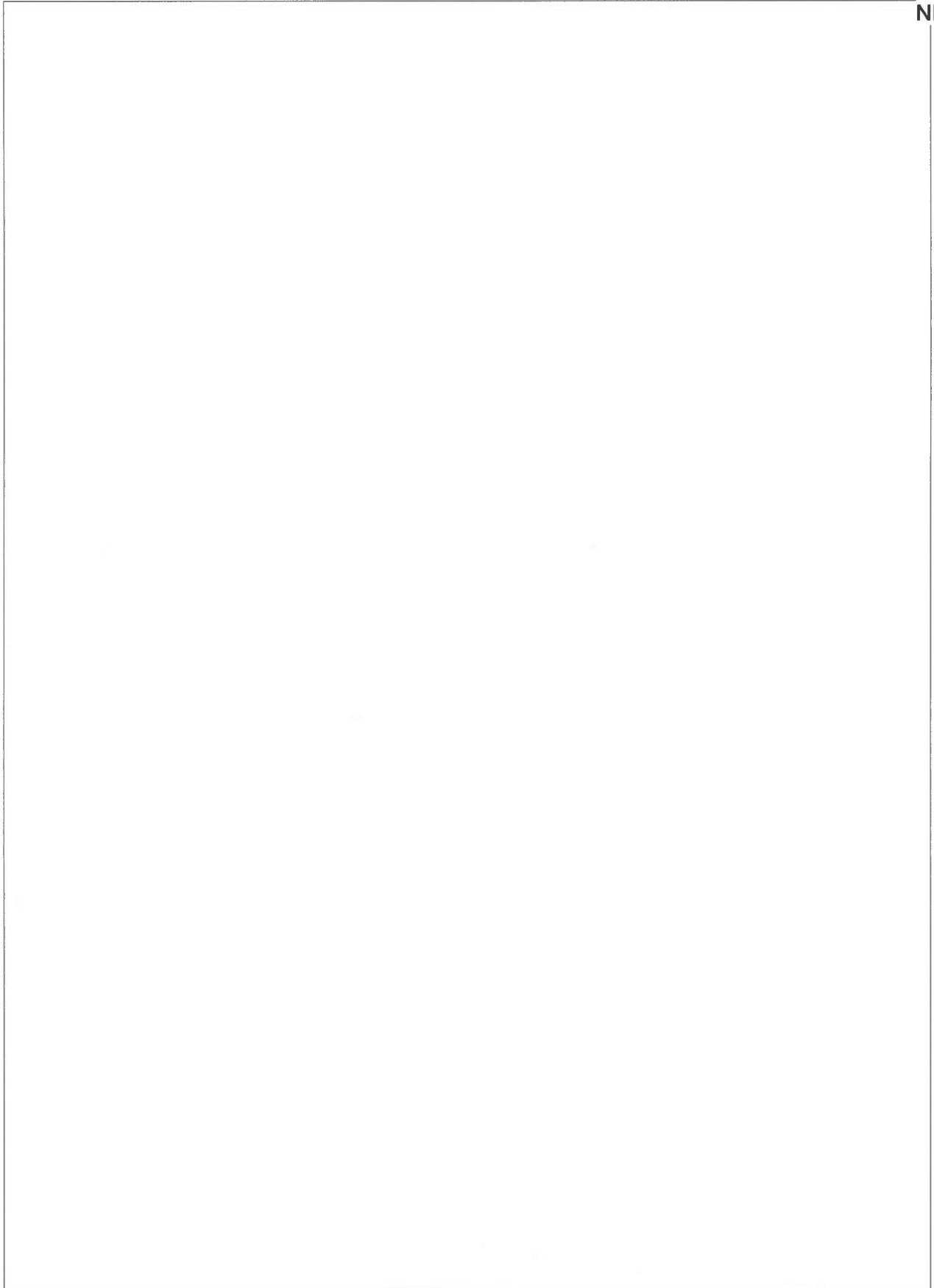
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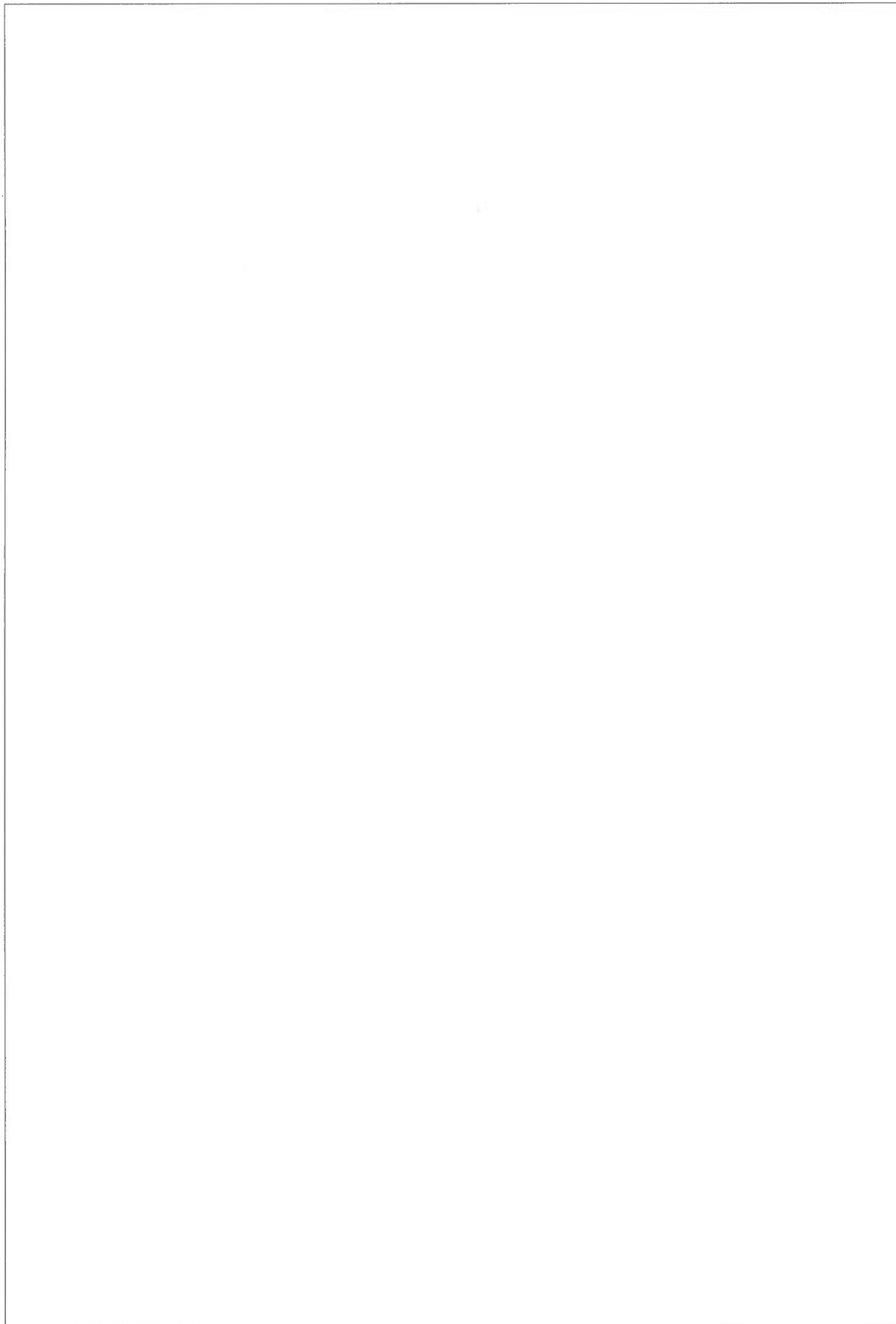
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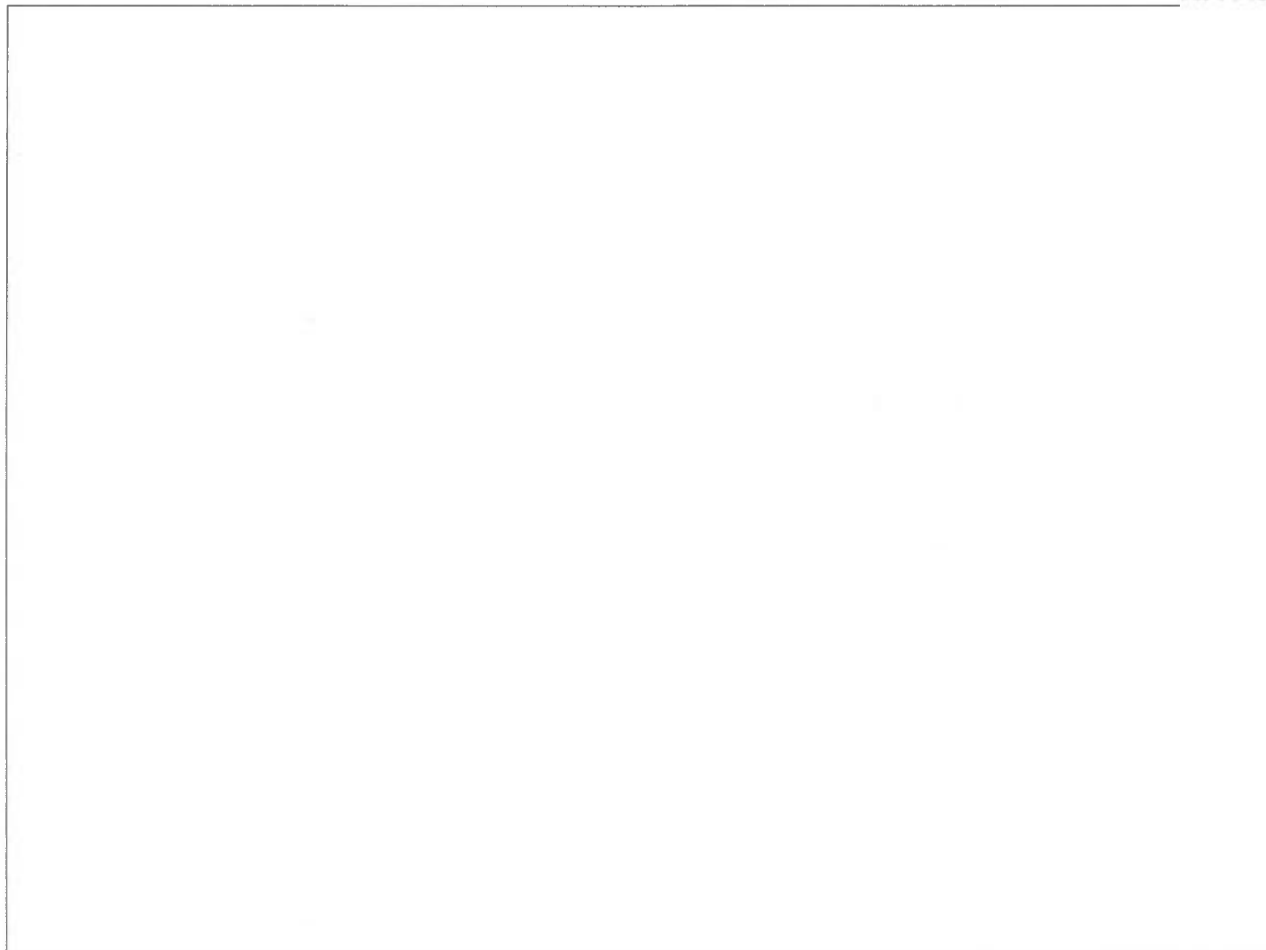


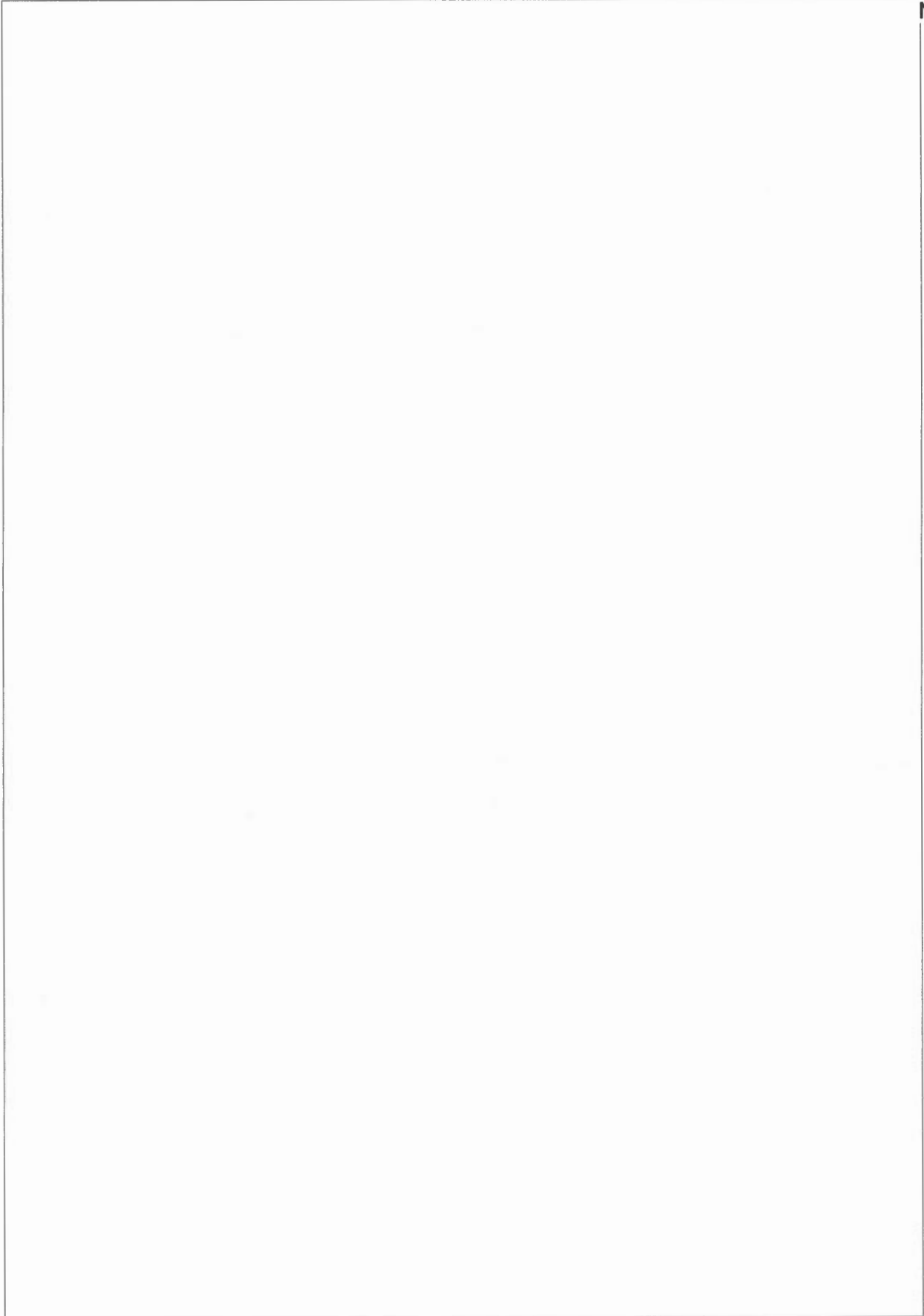


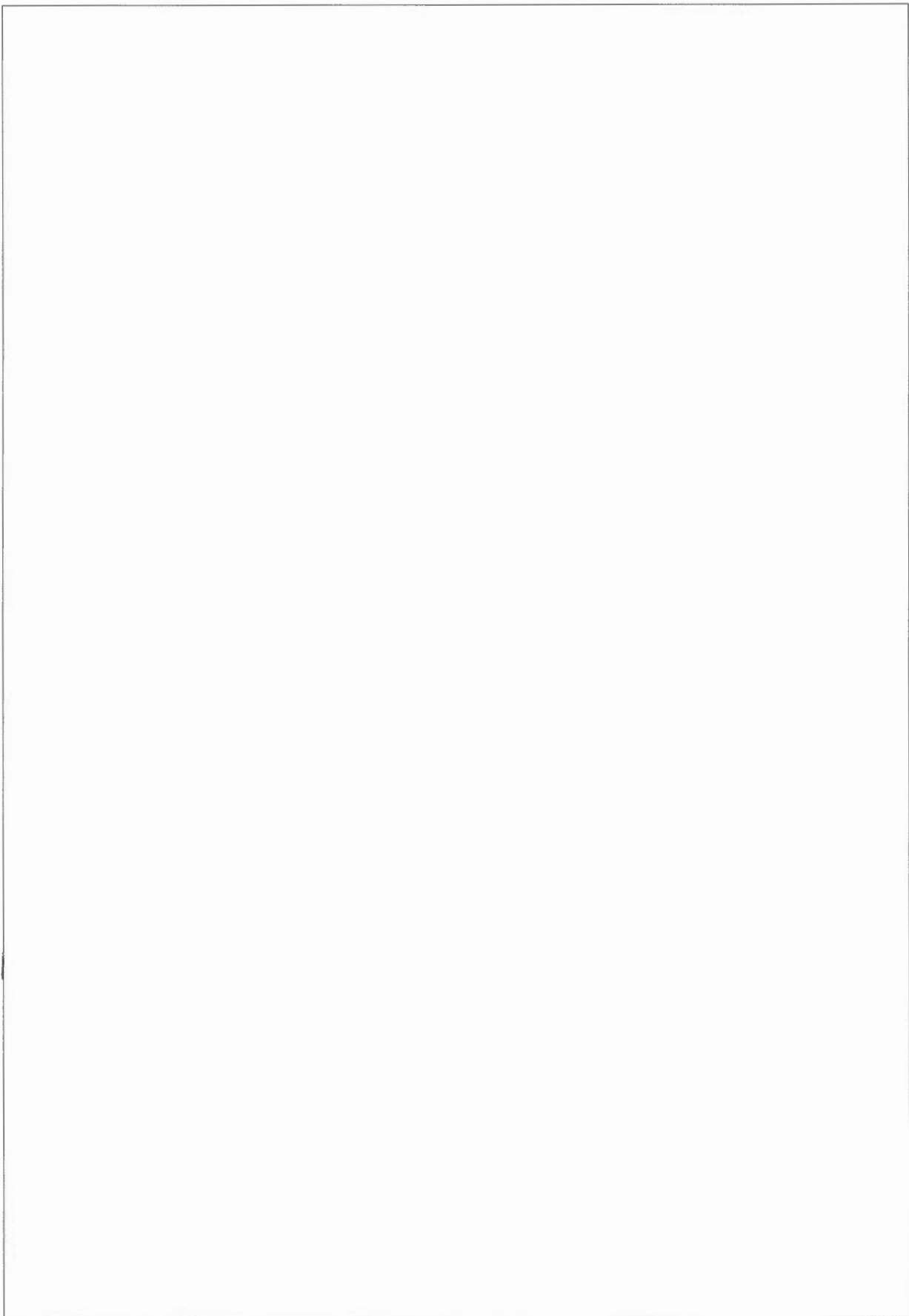




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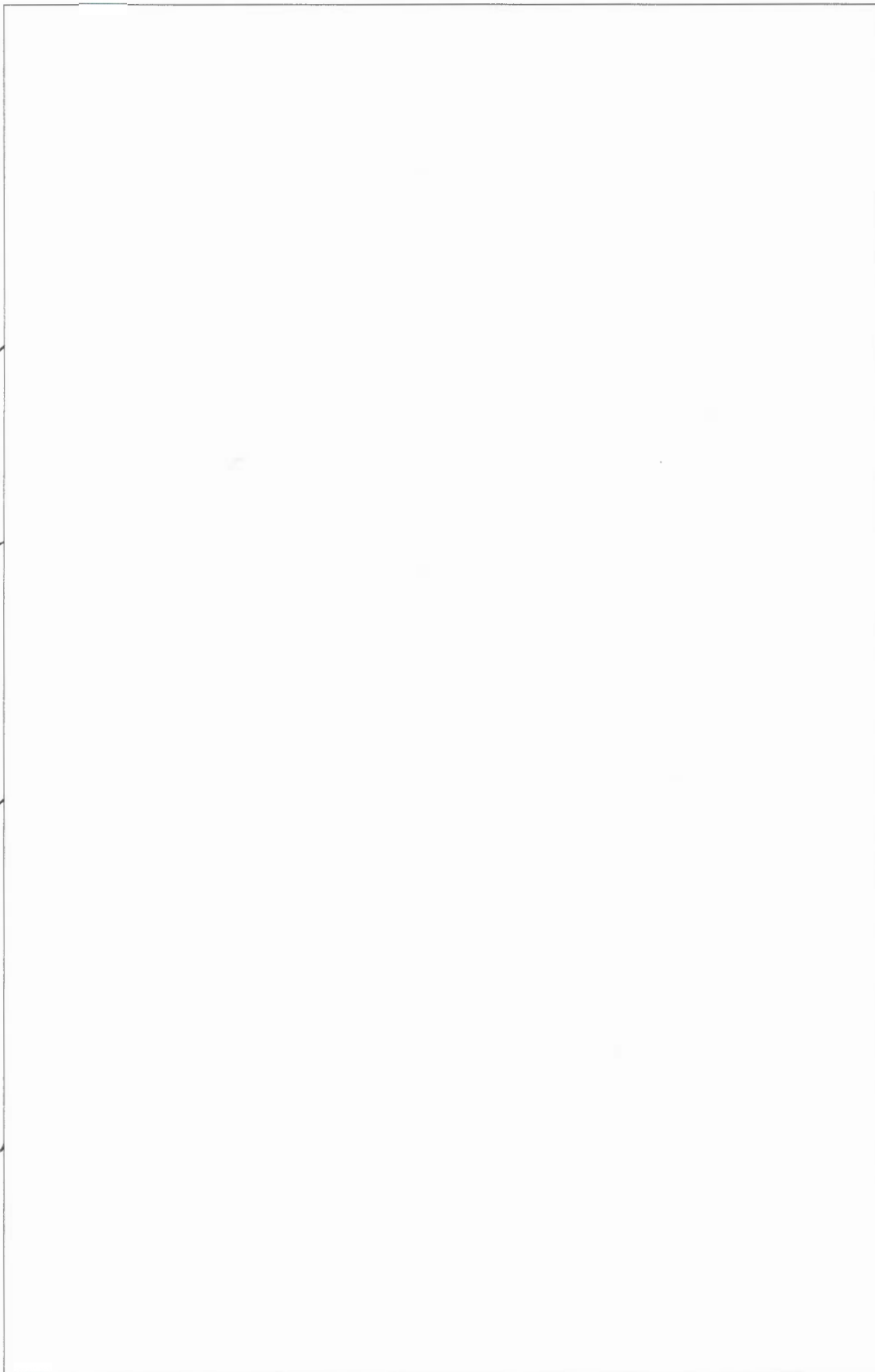


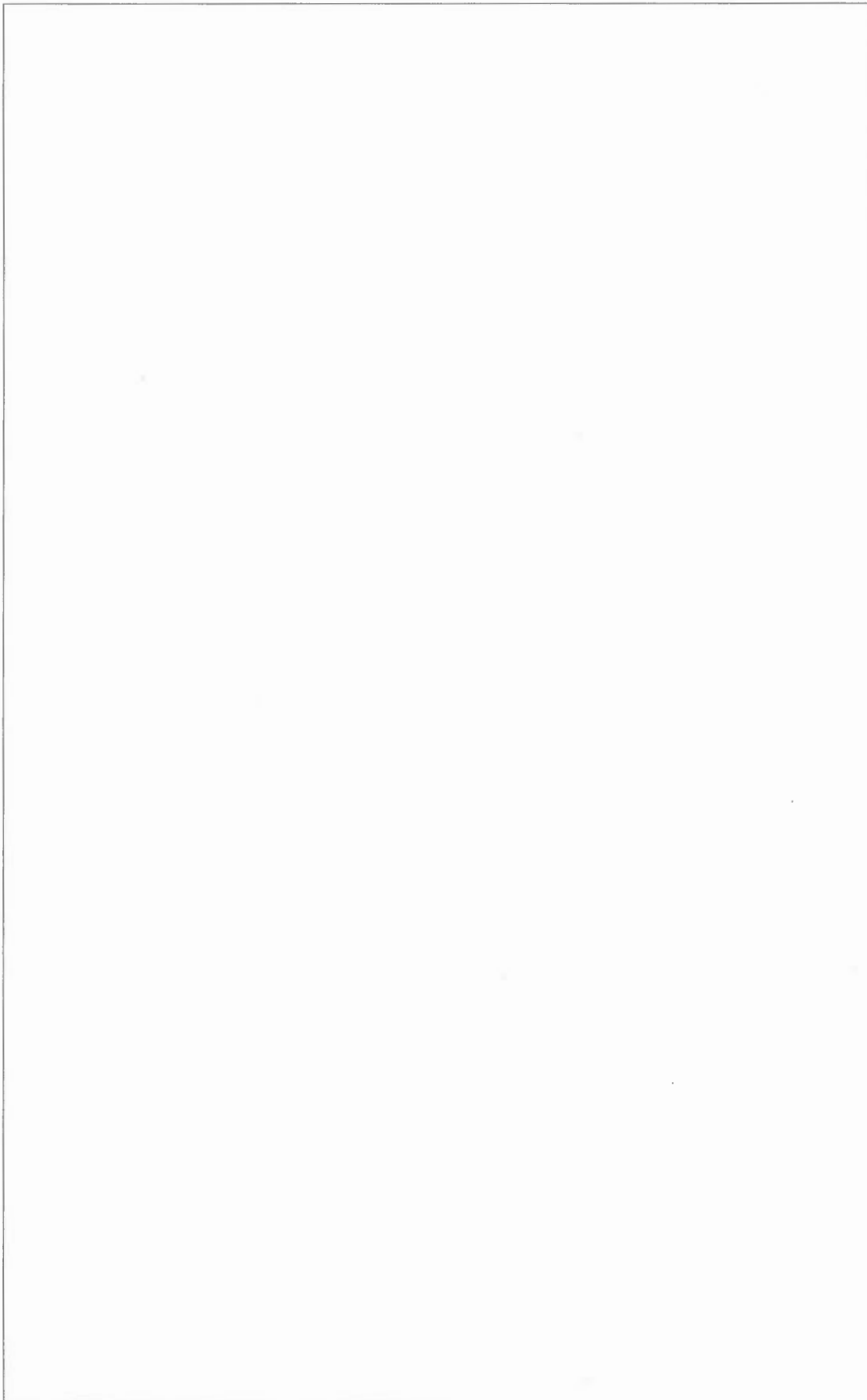






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