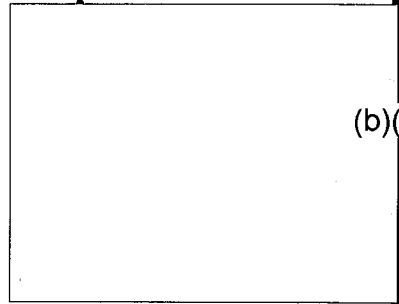




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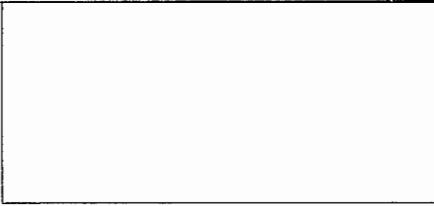
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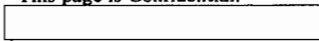
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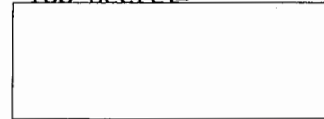
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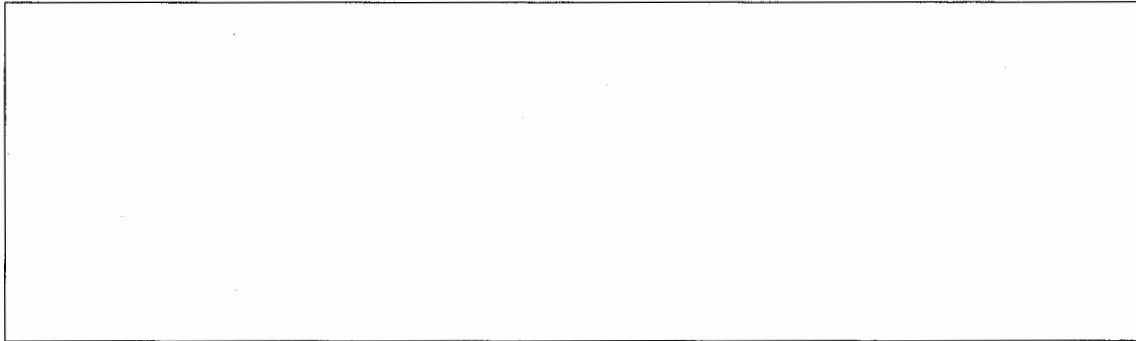
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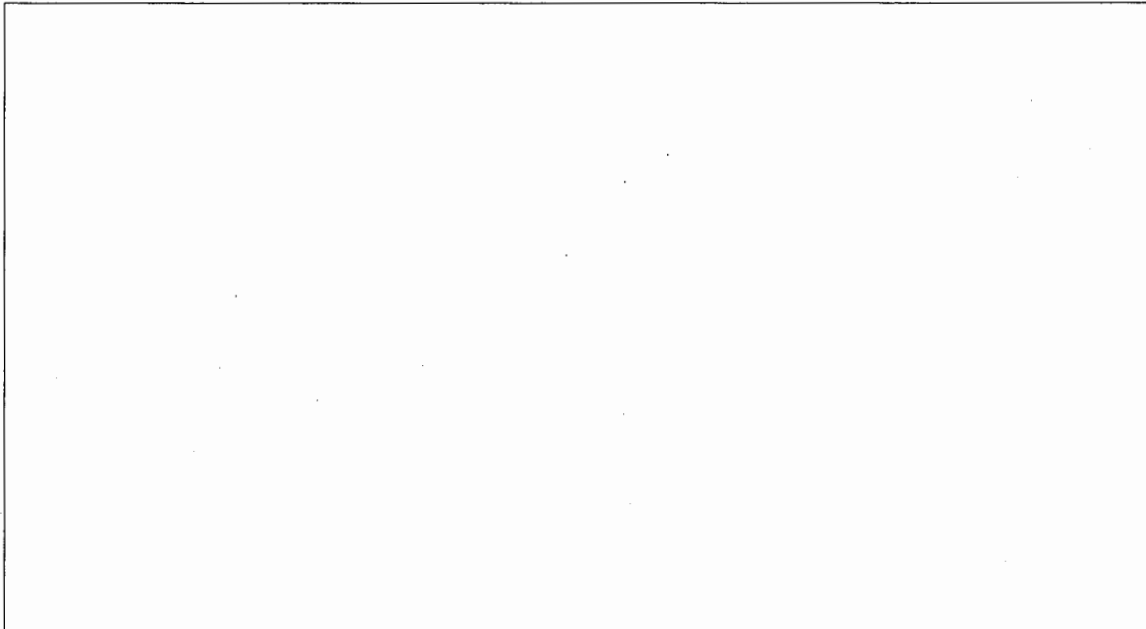
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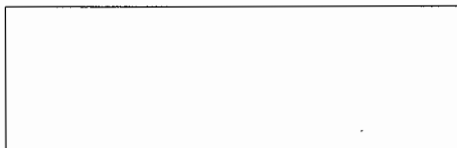


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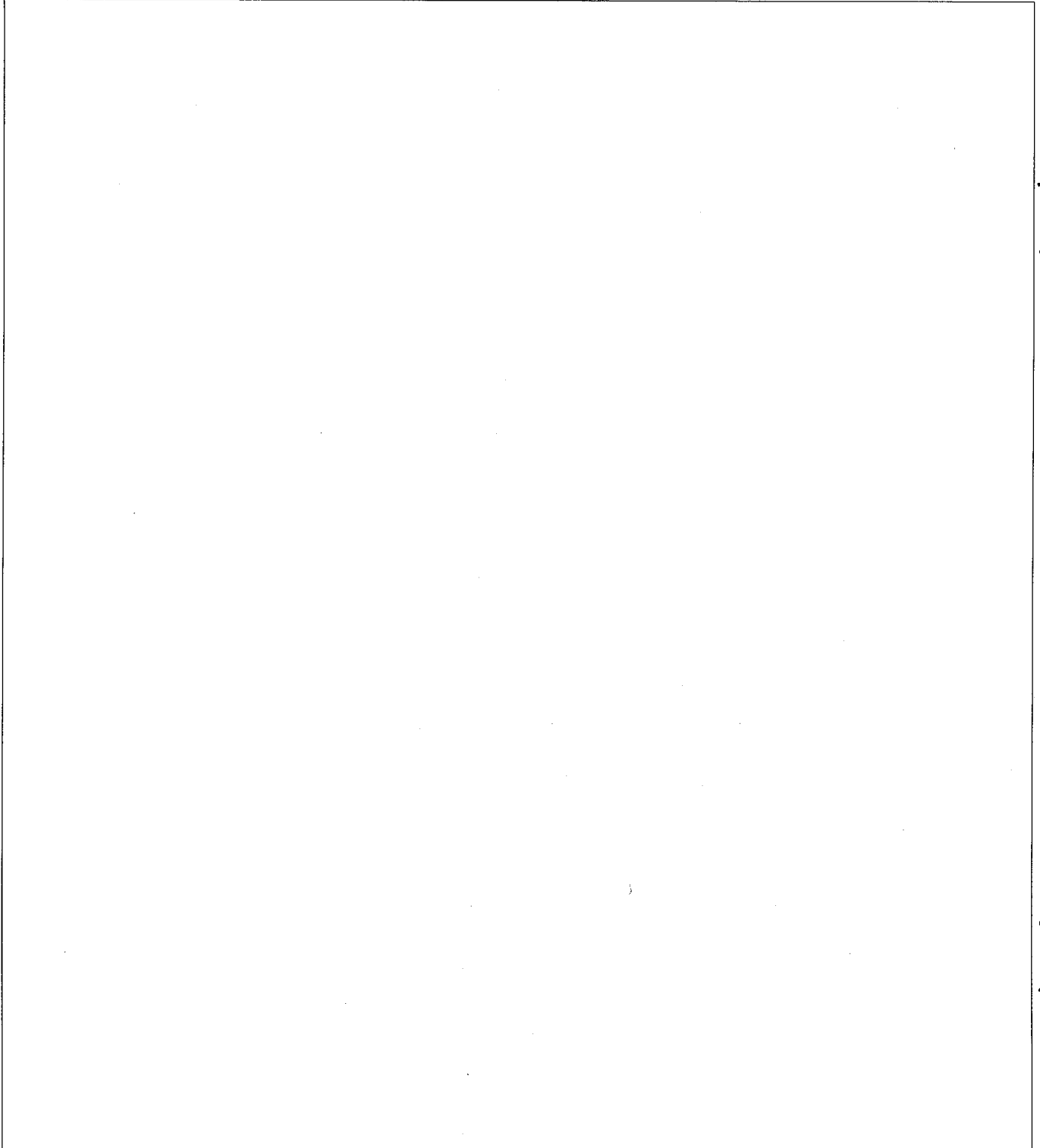
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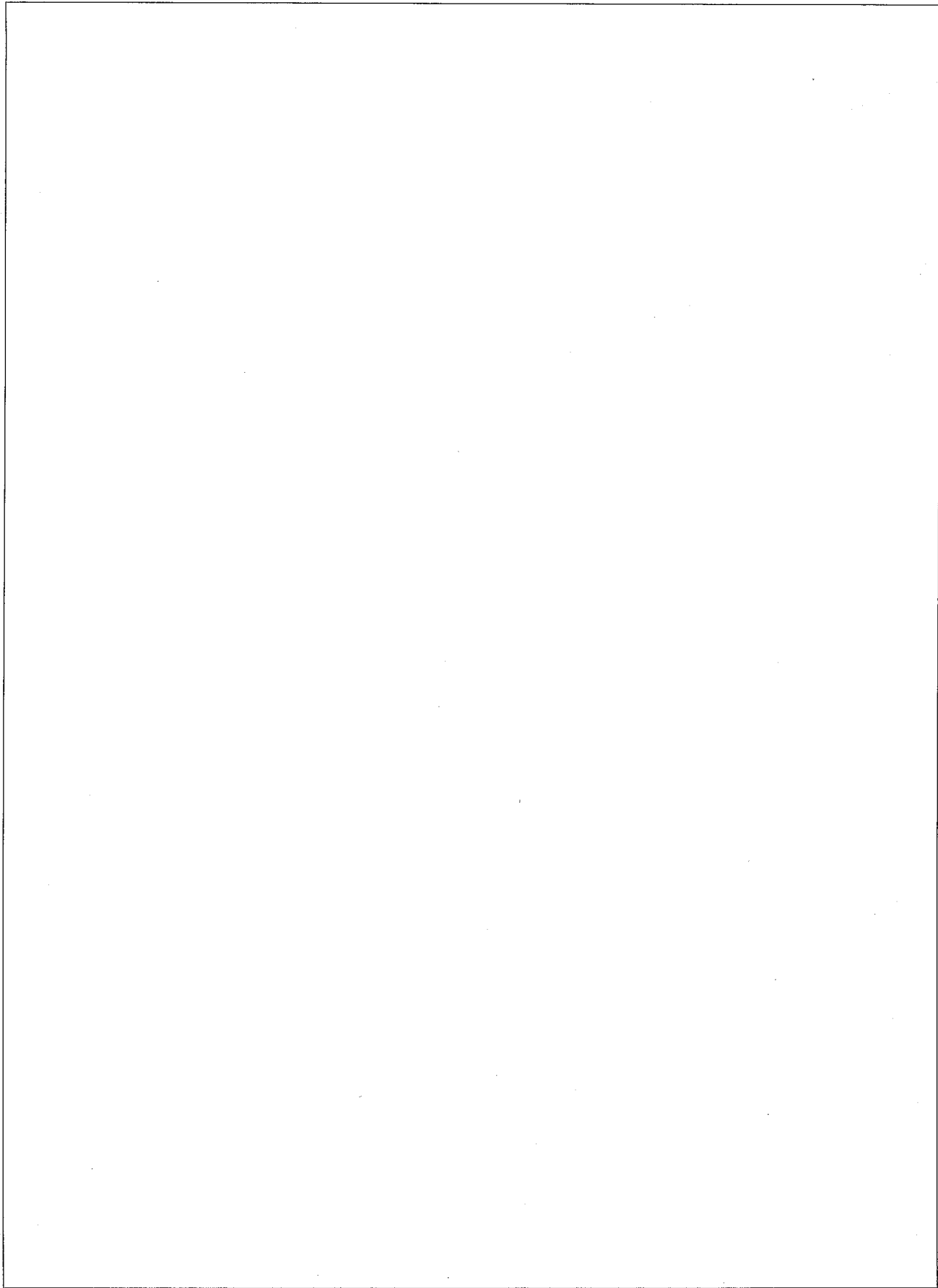


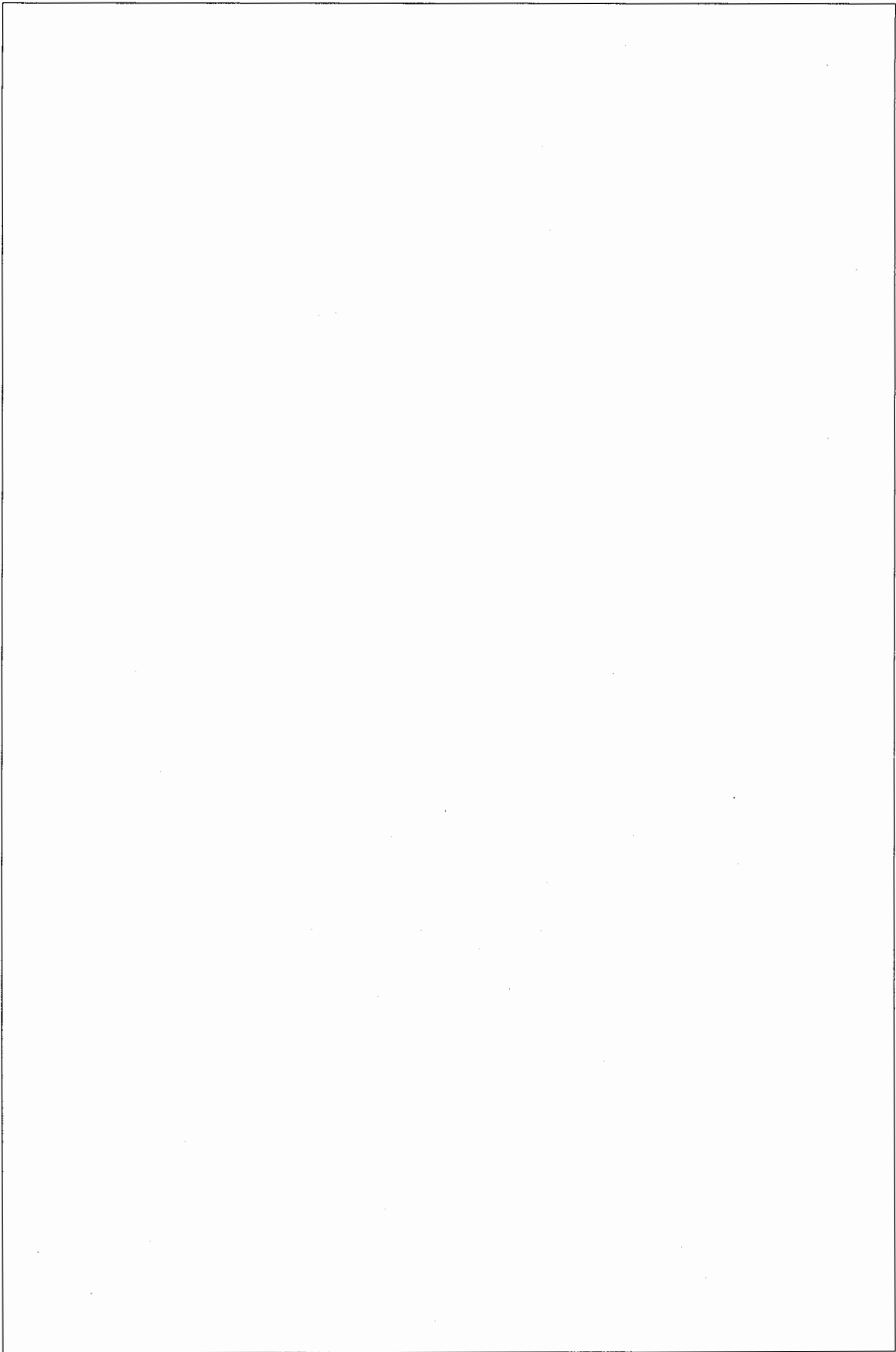
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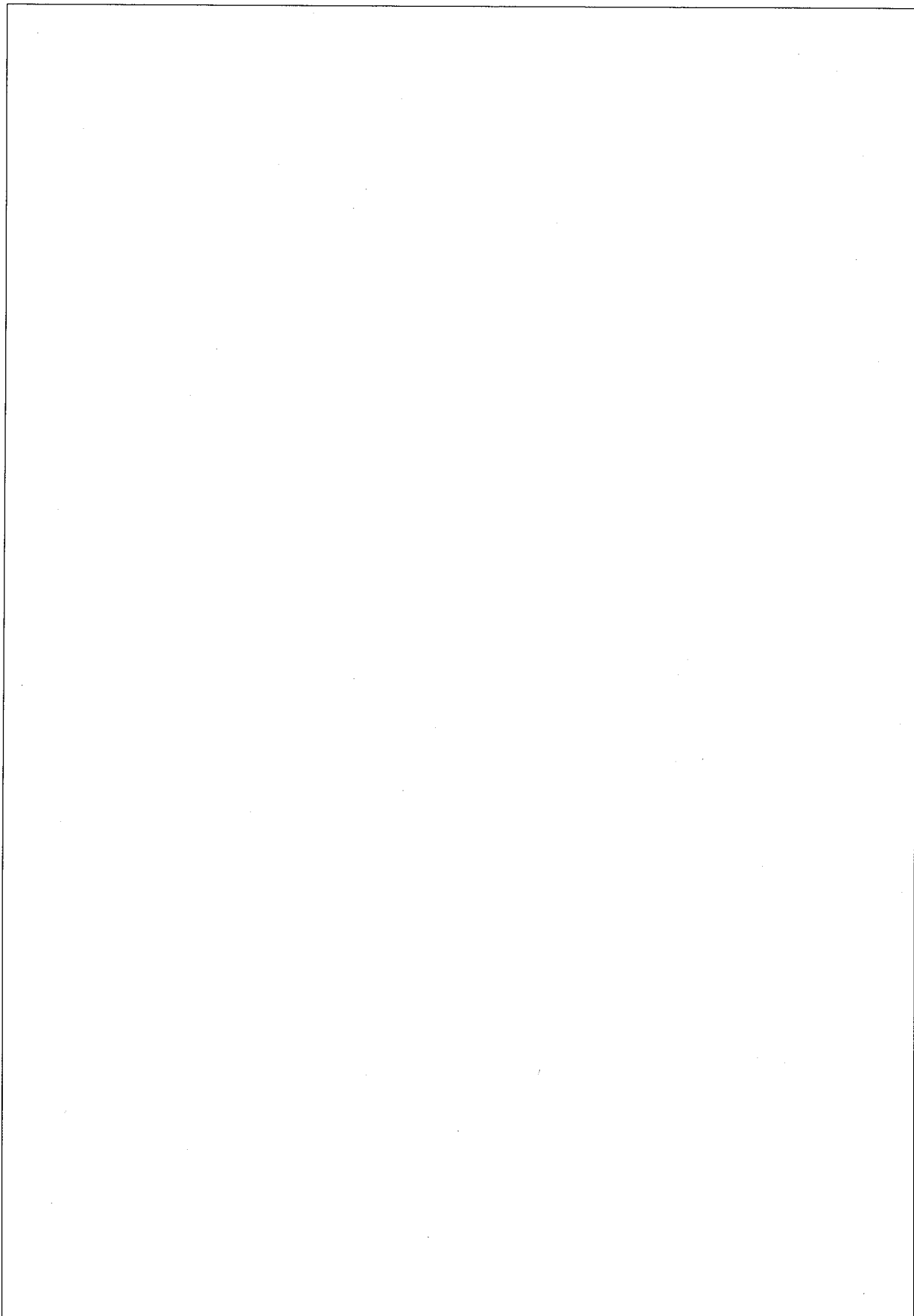
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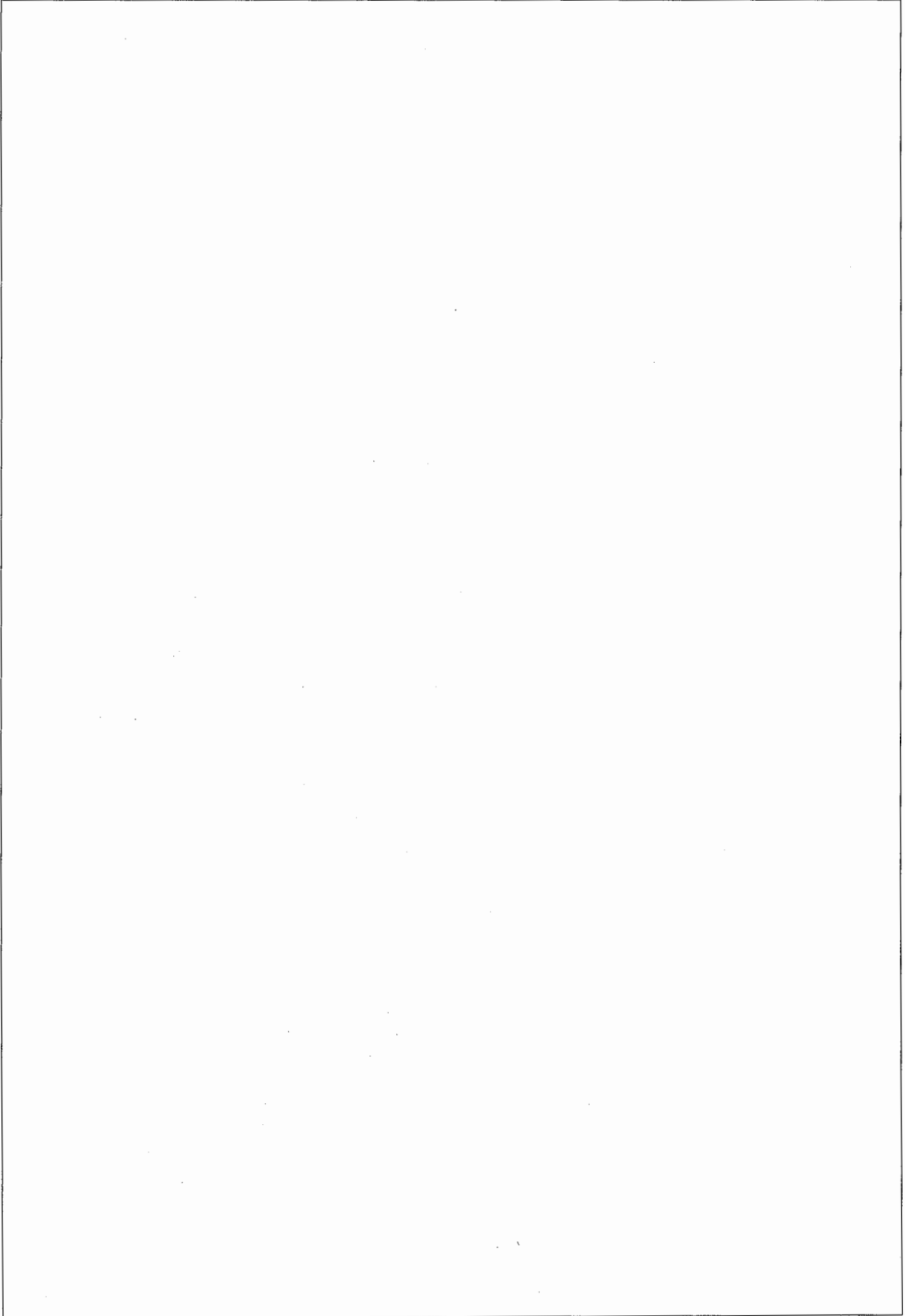


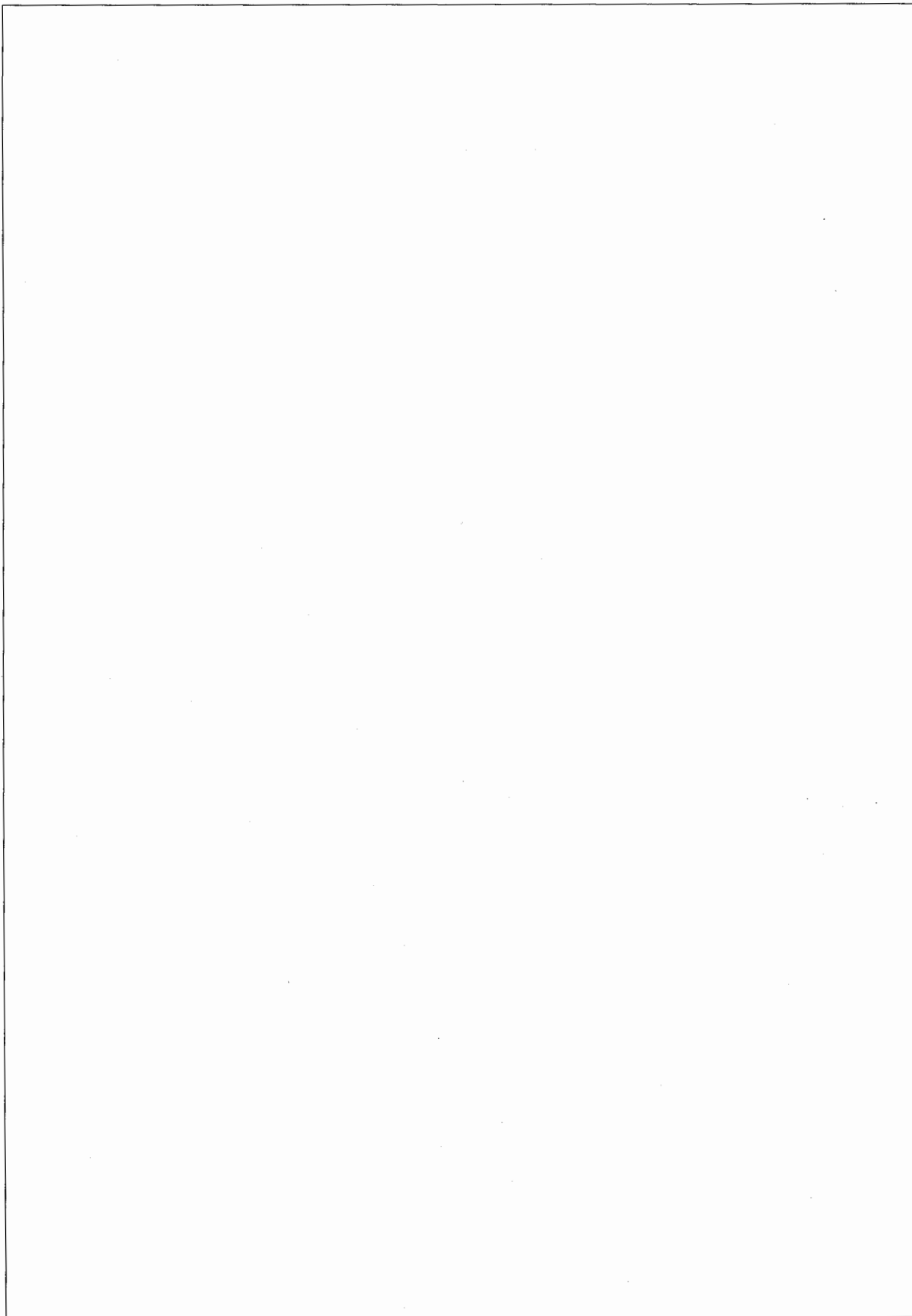


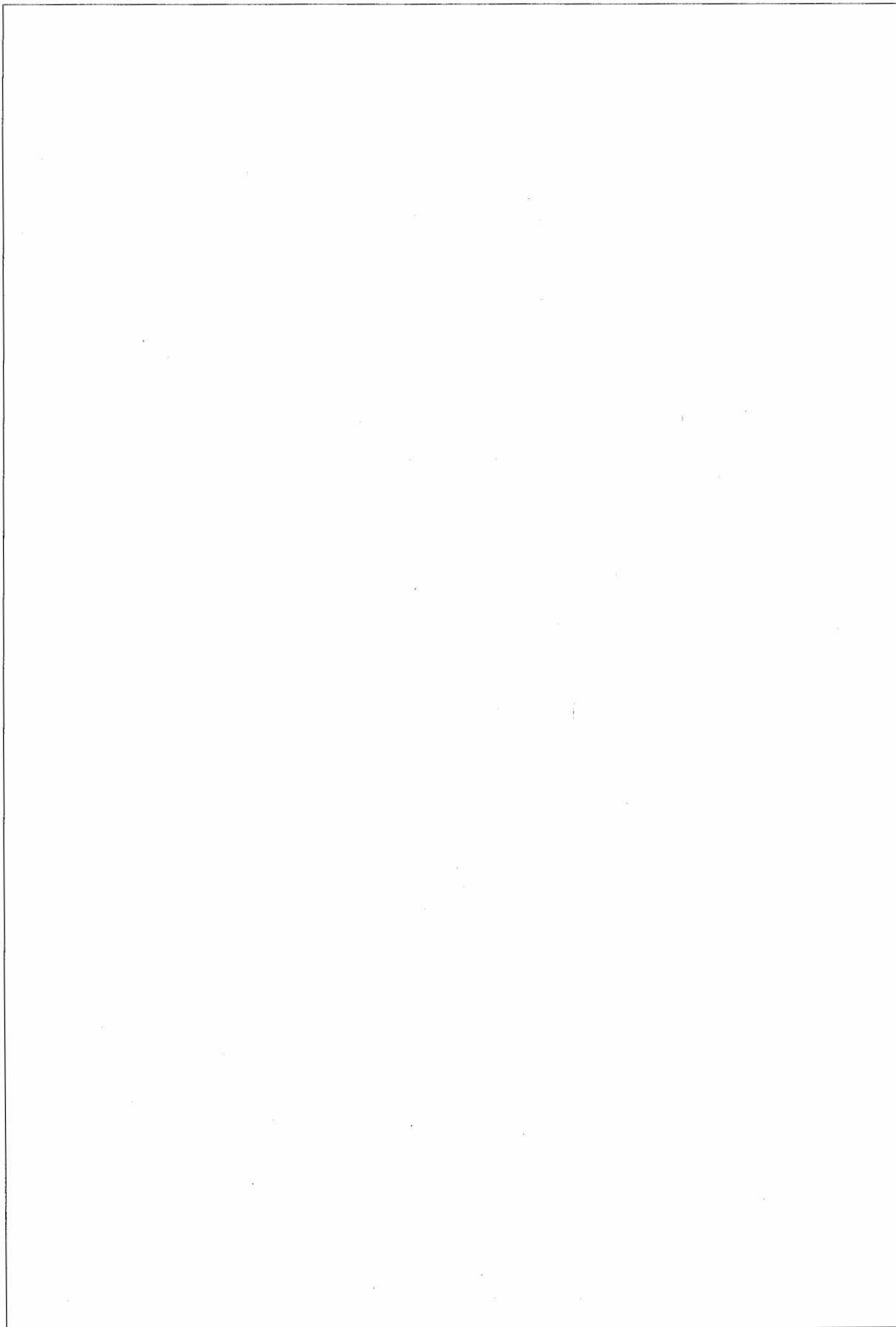


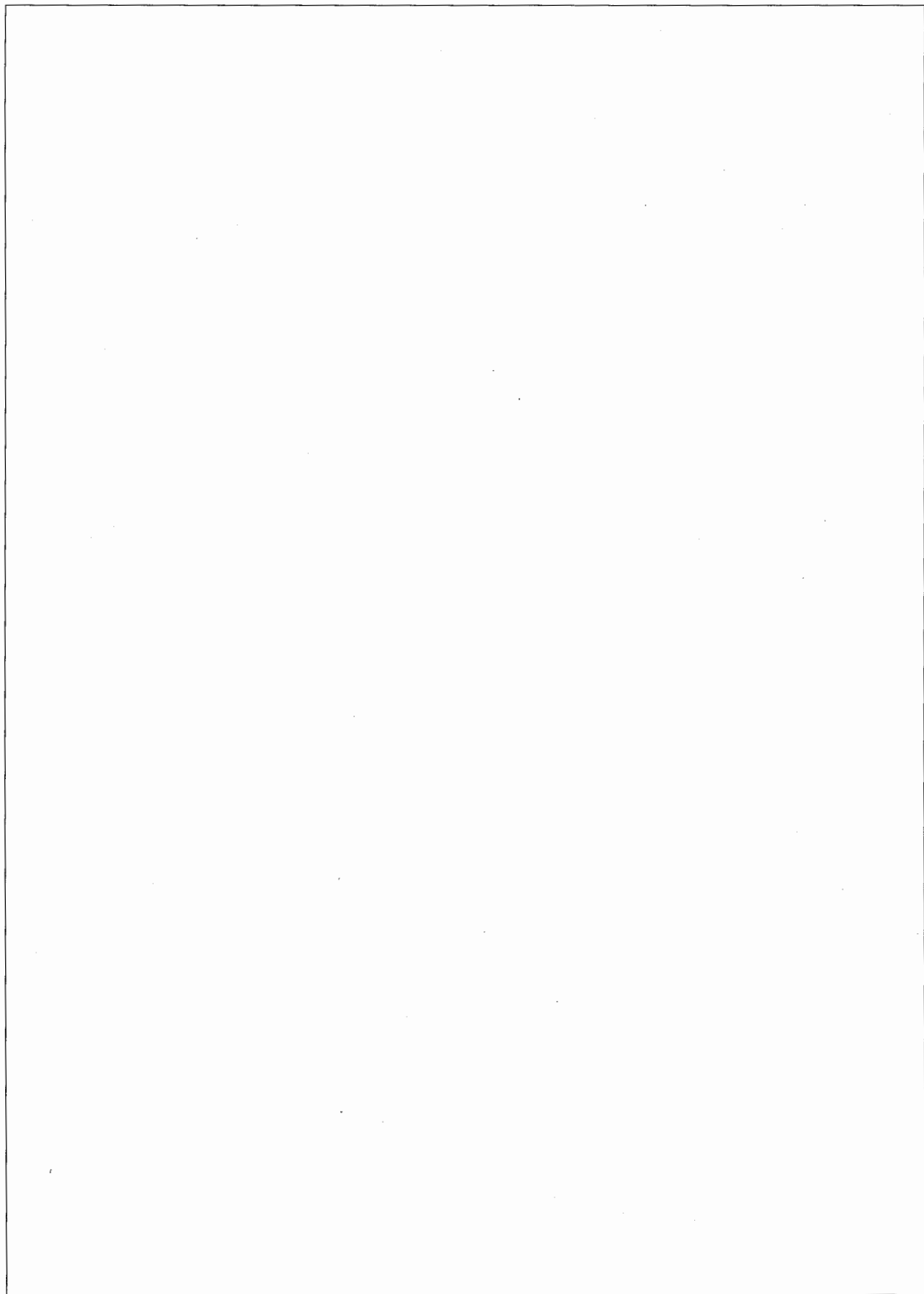
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EL SALVADOR: Heavy Government Losses

The Salvadoran military appears to be on the verge of a major defeat in northern Morazan Department. [redacted]

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Military units attempting to recapture the town of Perquin reportedly suffered as many as 400 casualties. The town was captured by insurgents early this week while government forces were heavily involved in an offensive in Chalatenango Department. Attempts to retake the town have been hampered by rugged terrain, the destruction of a key bridge, poor communications and insurgent anti-aircraft fire. [redacted]

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Government forces also are under siege in the nearby village of San Fernando. Efforts to send reinforcements north from San Francisco have left the departmental capital itself vulnerable to insurgent attack. As a result, the military is considering sending two quick-reaction battalions to the area. [redacted]

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Comment: The government appears to have underestimated the seriousness of the insurgent threat in the region, despite early warning of guerrilla plans. The guerrillas have been hoping to score a major victory in the area to offset their failure to disrupt the elections in March and have been moving men and supplies to Morazan ever since. A government sweep of the region in late April set back their timing but failed to dislodge them. [redacted] (b)(3)

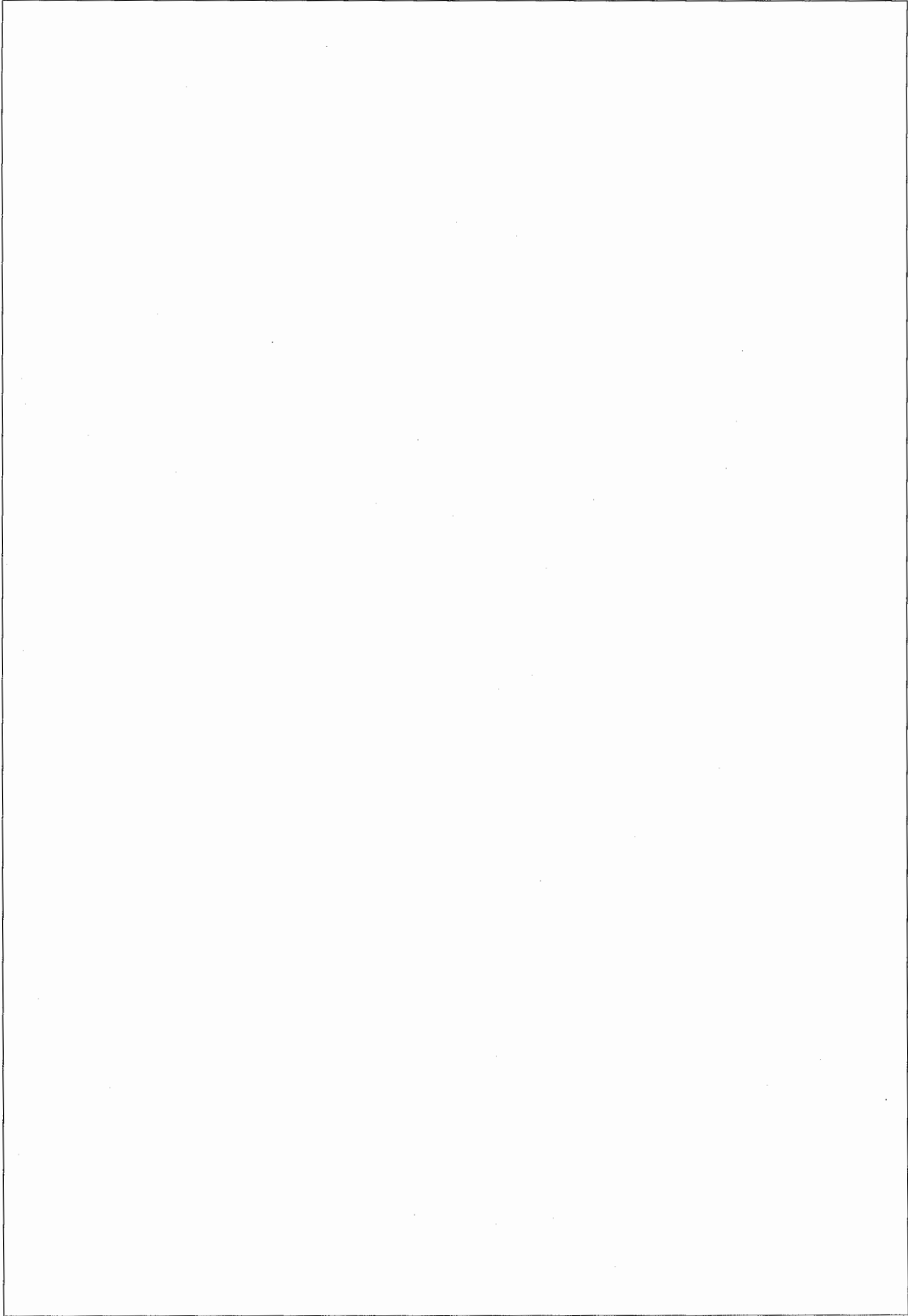
San Salvador will have to commit major reinforcements to the area quickly or risk further heavy losses. The quick-reaction battalions are all battle-weary from the Chalatenango operation, however, and their readiness is almost certainly reduced. If the insurgents can prevent an effective government counterattack for the next week or so, they may be tempted for propaganda purposes to declare the area a "liberated" zone. [redacted]

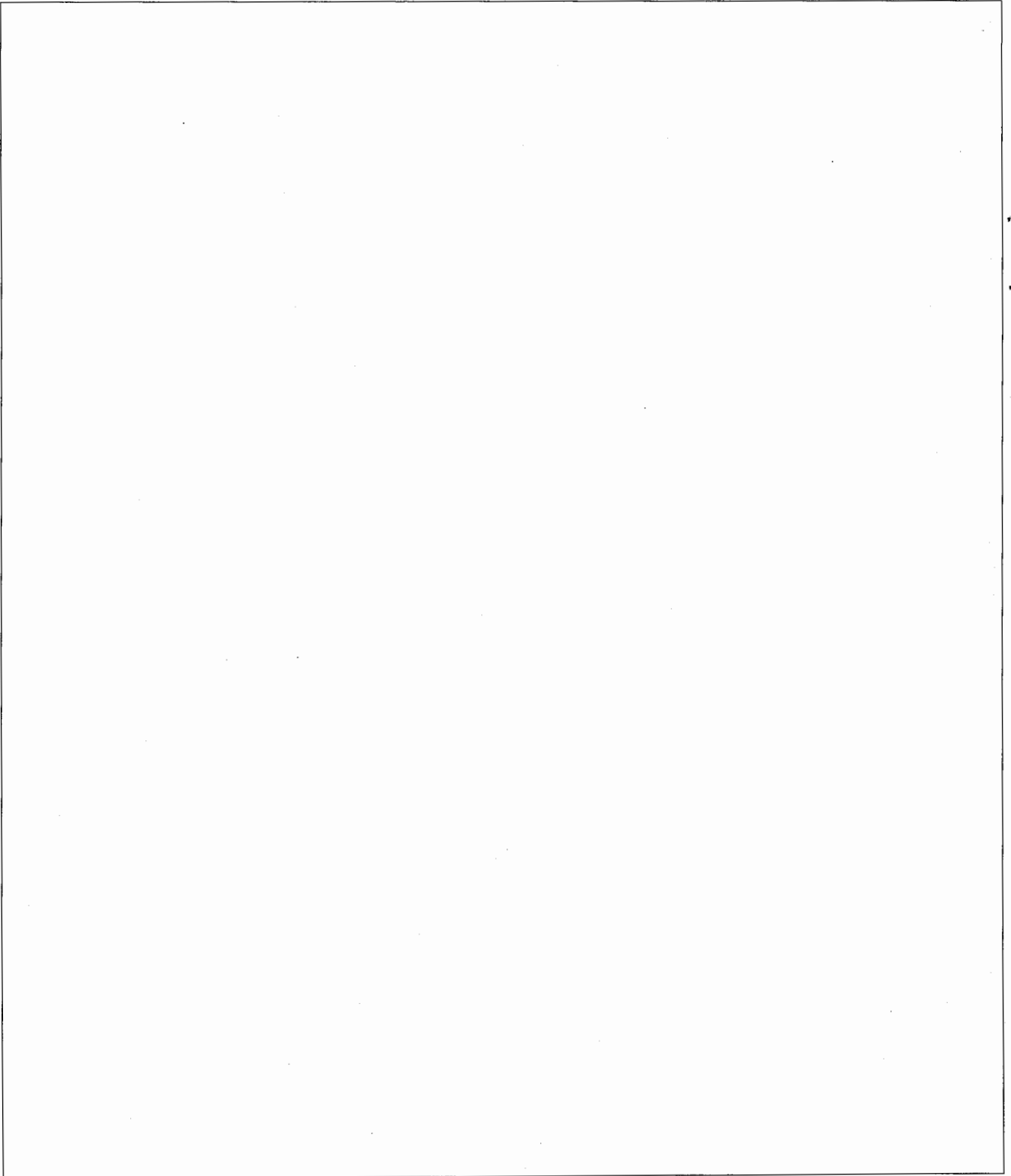
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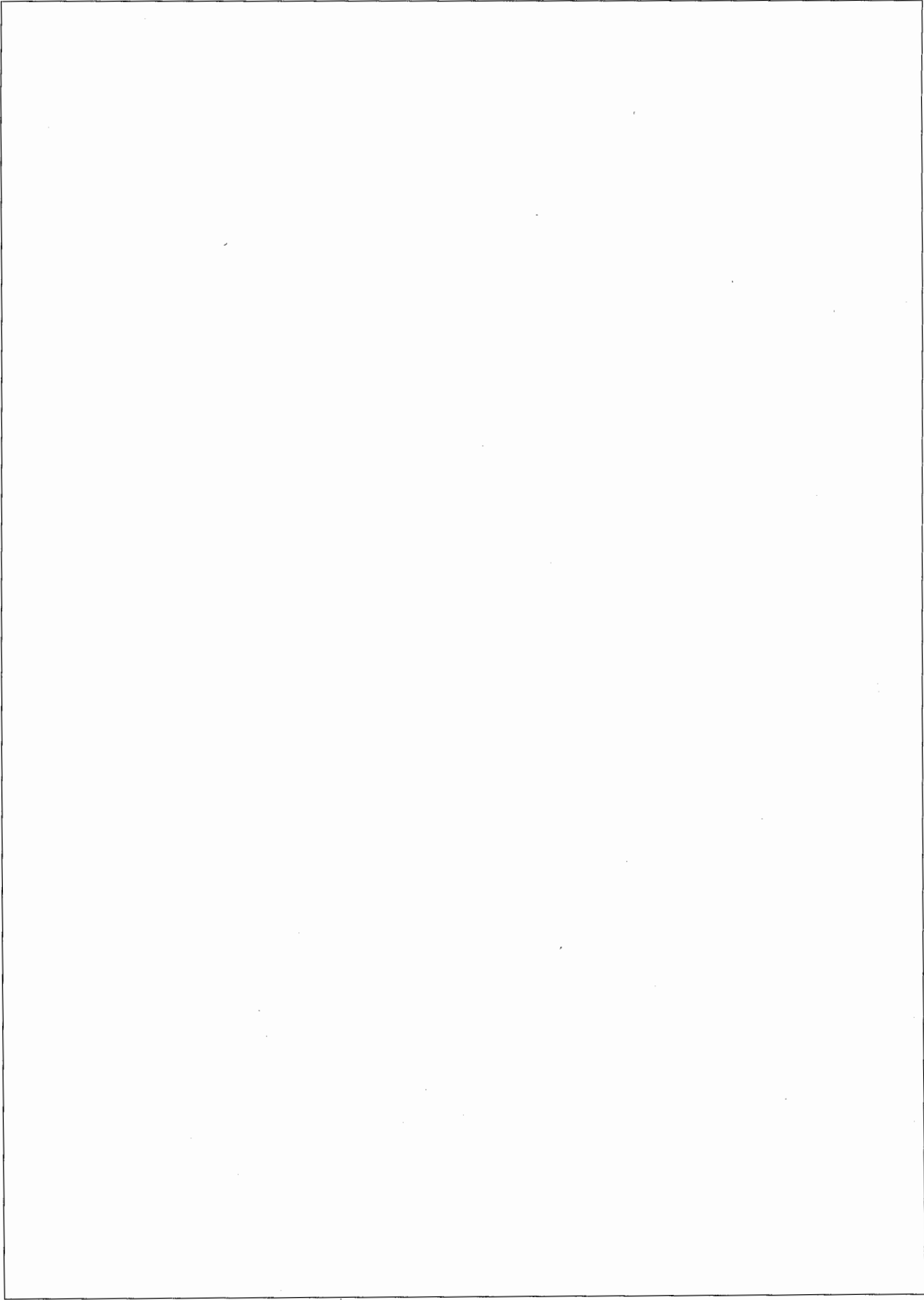
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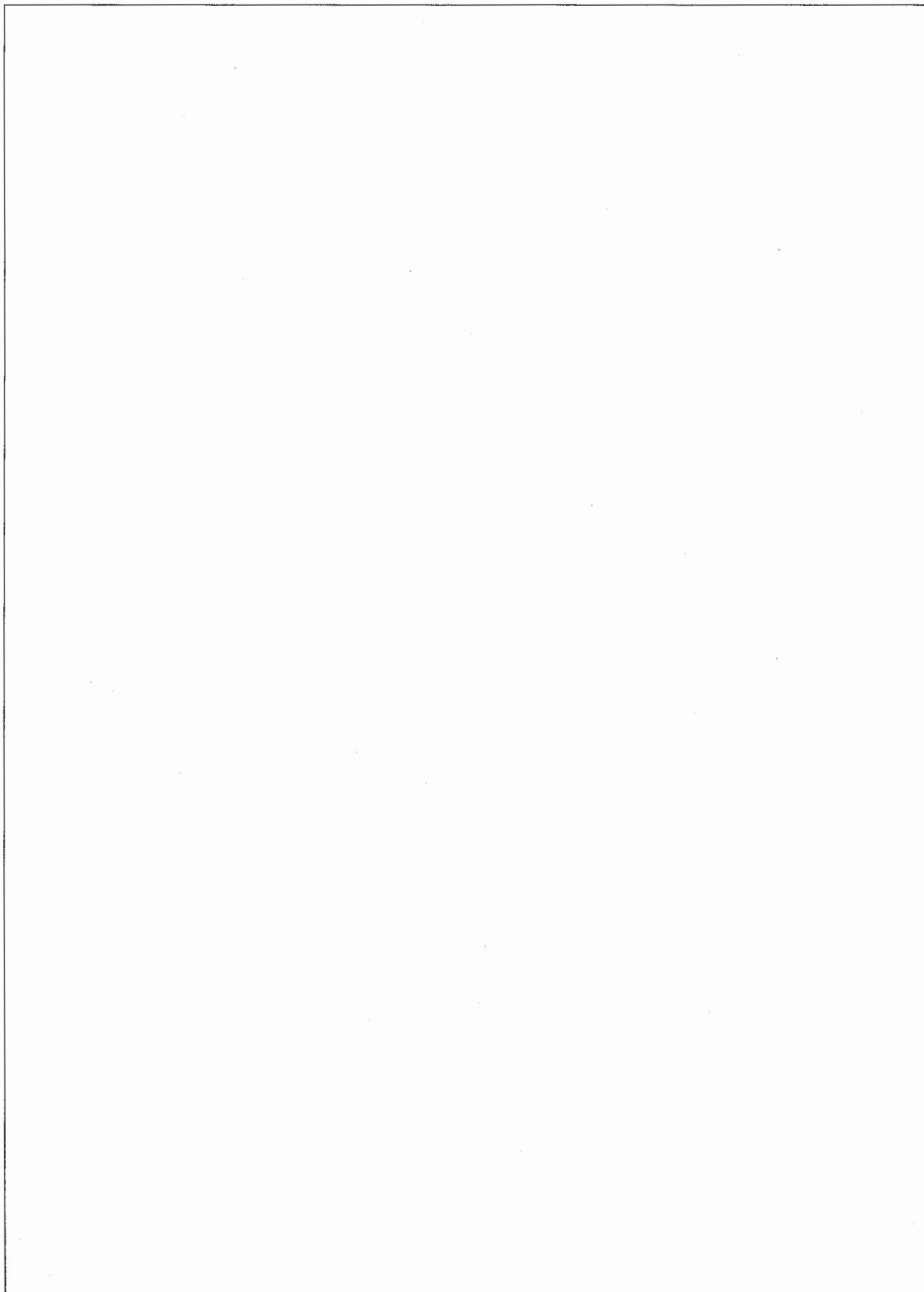
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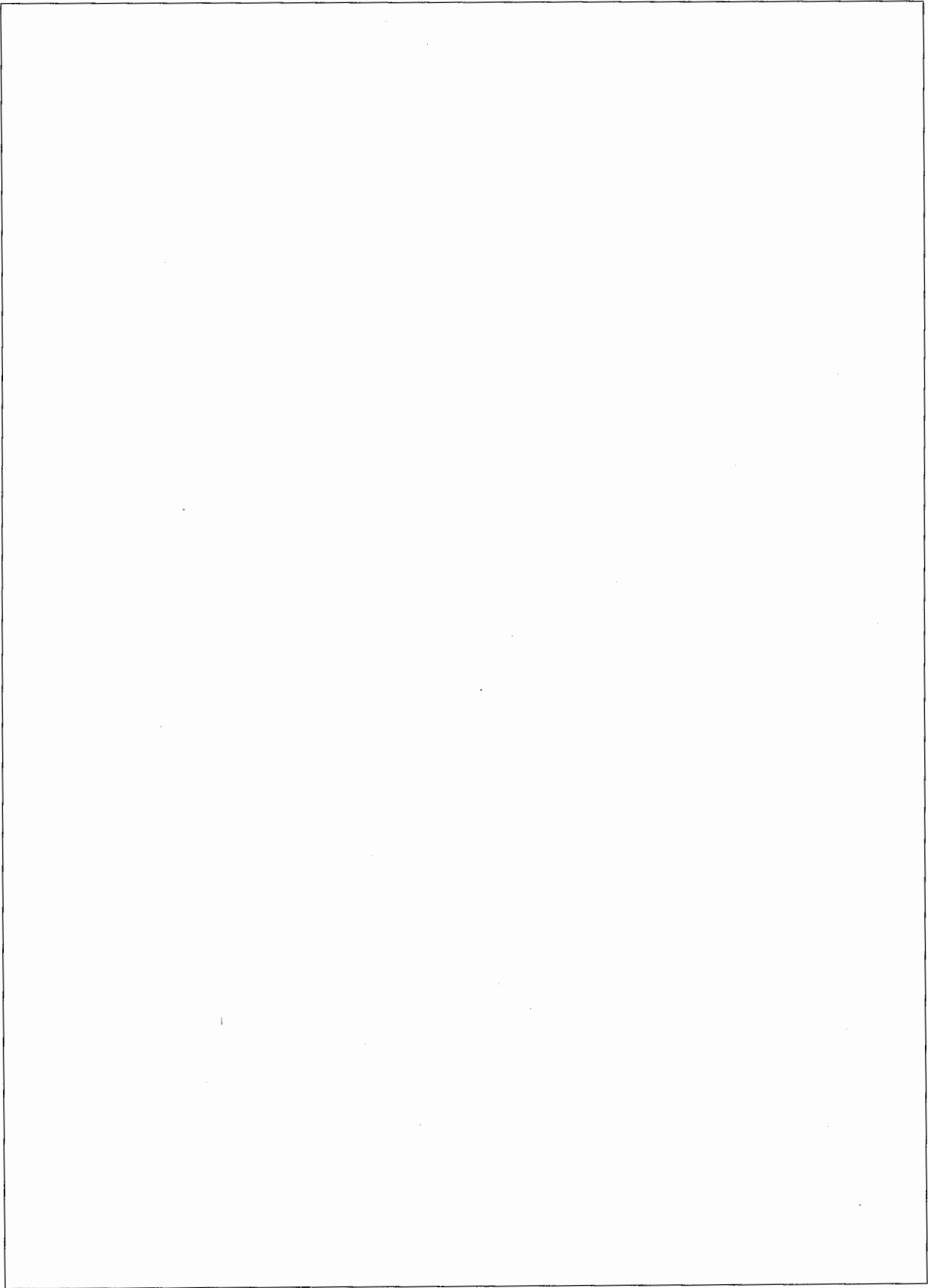
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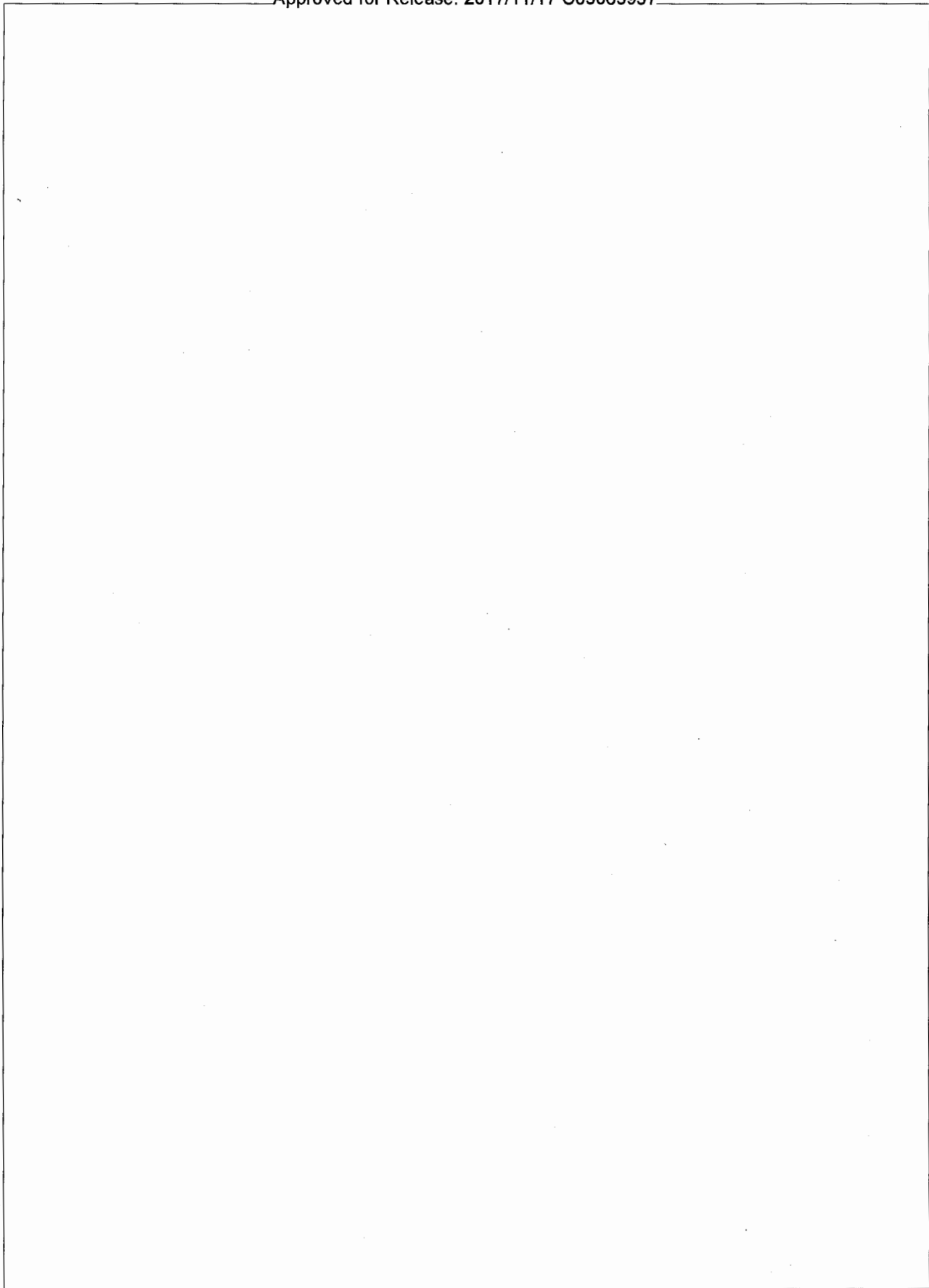


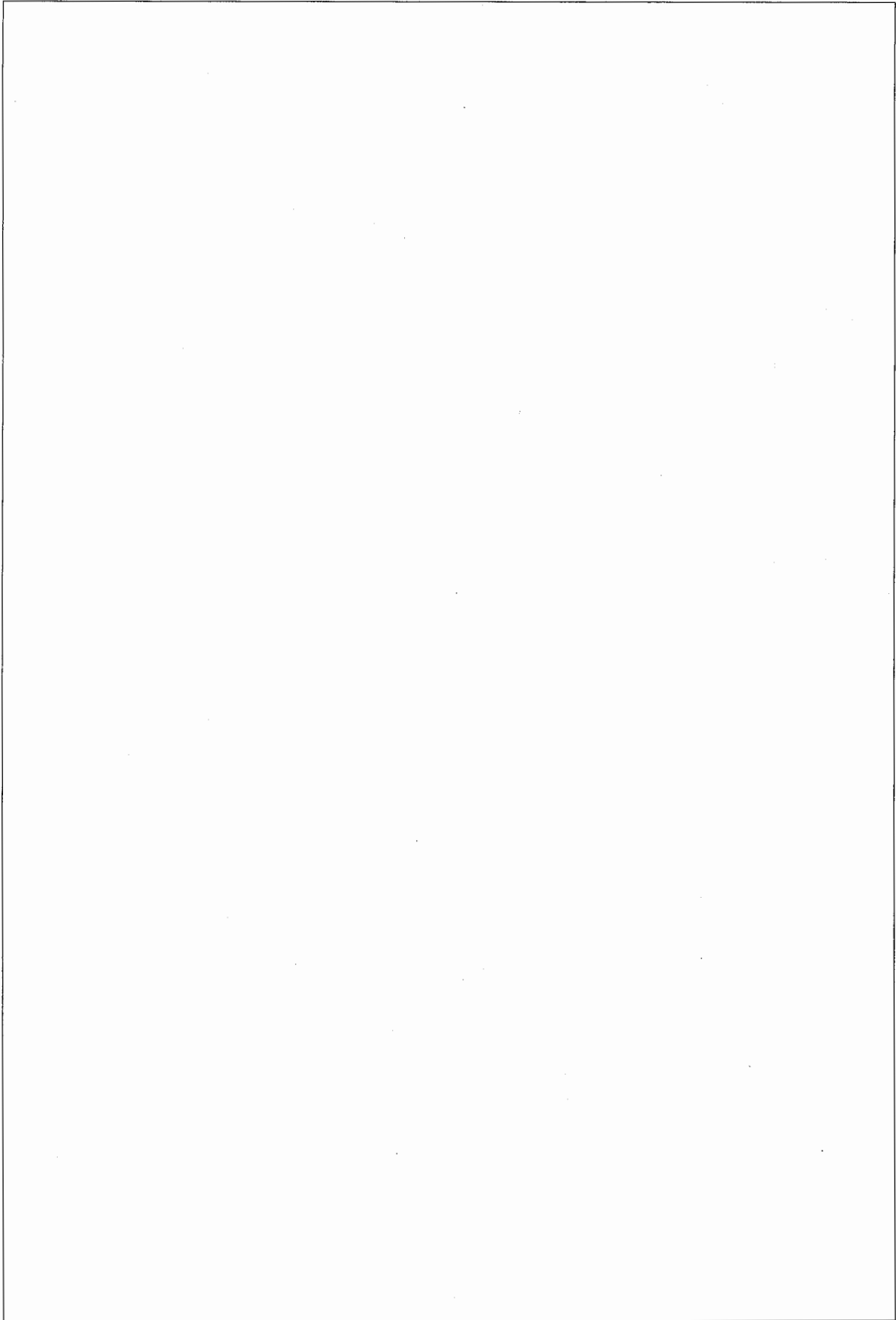


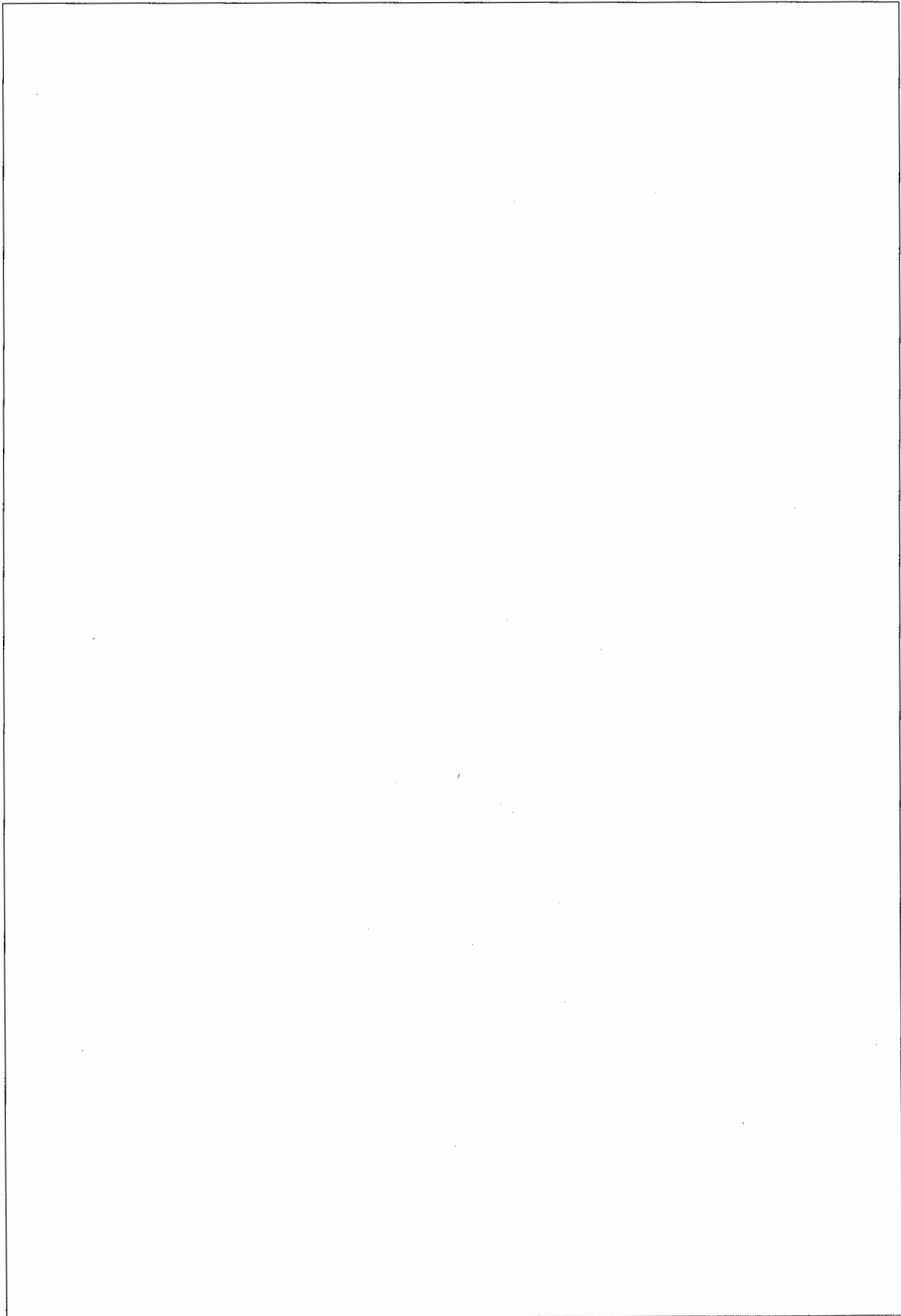












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