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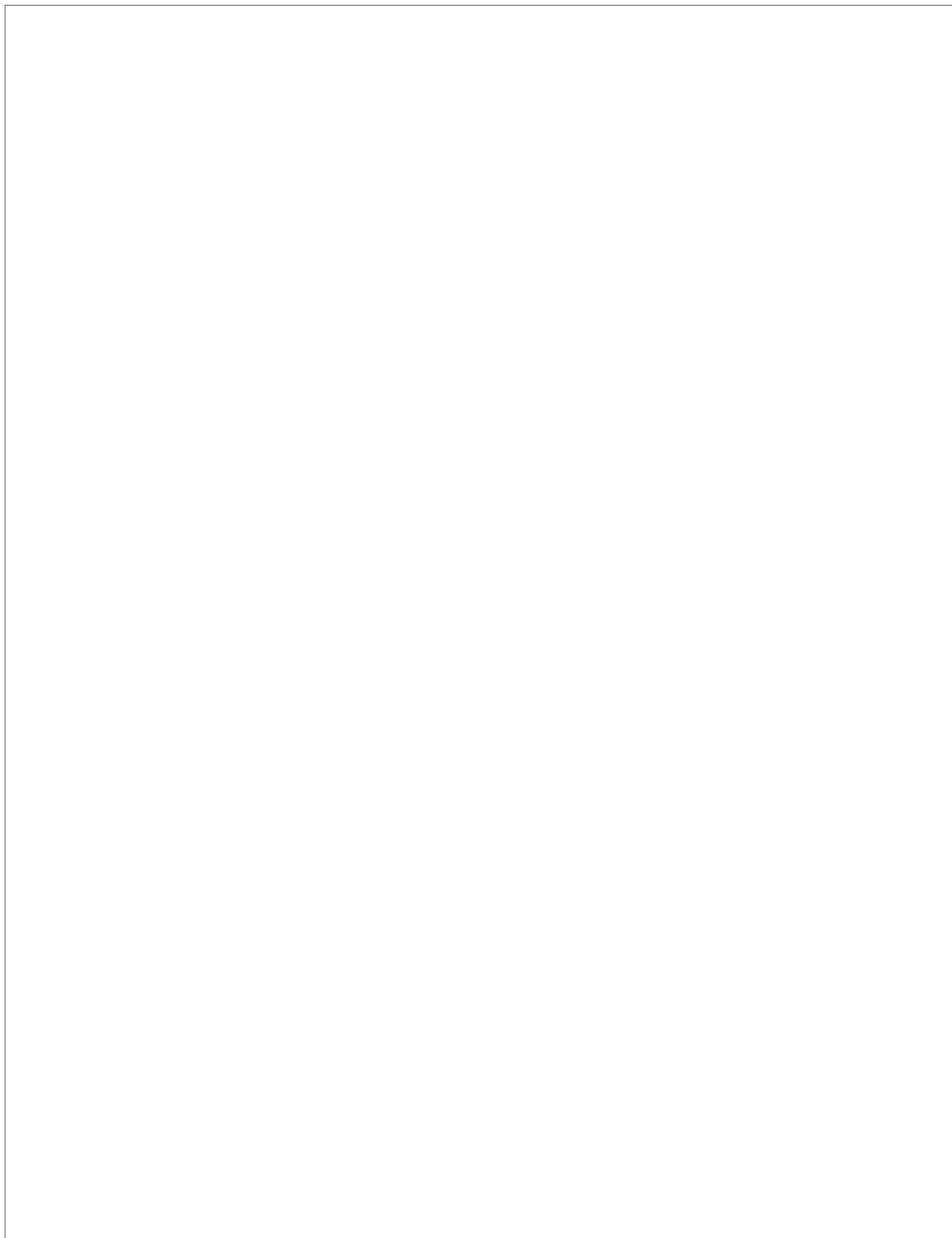
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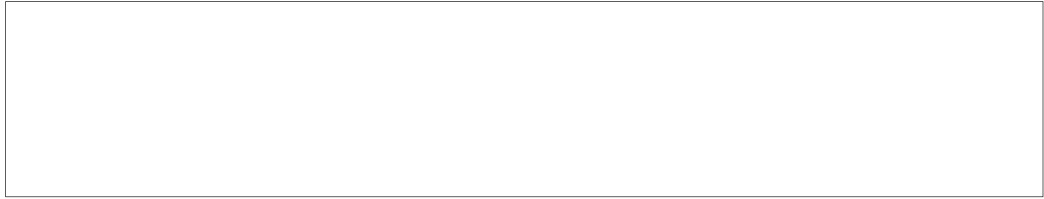
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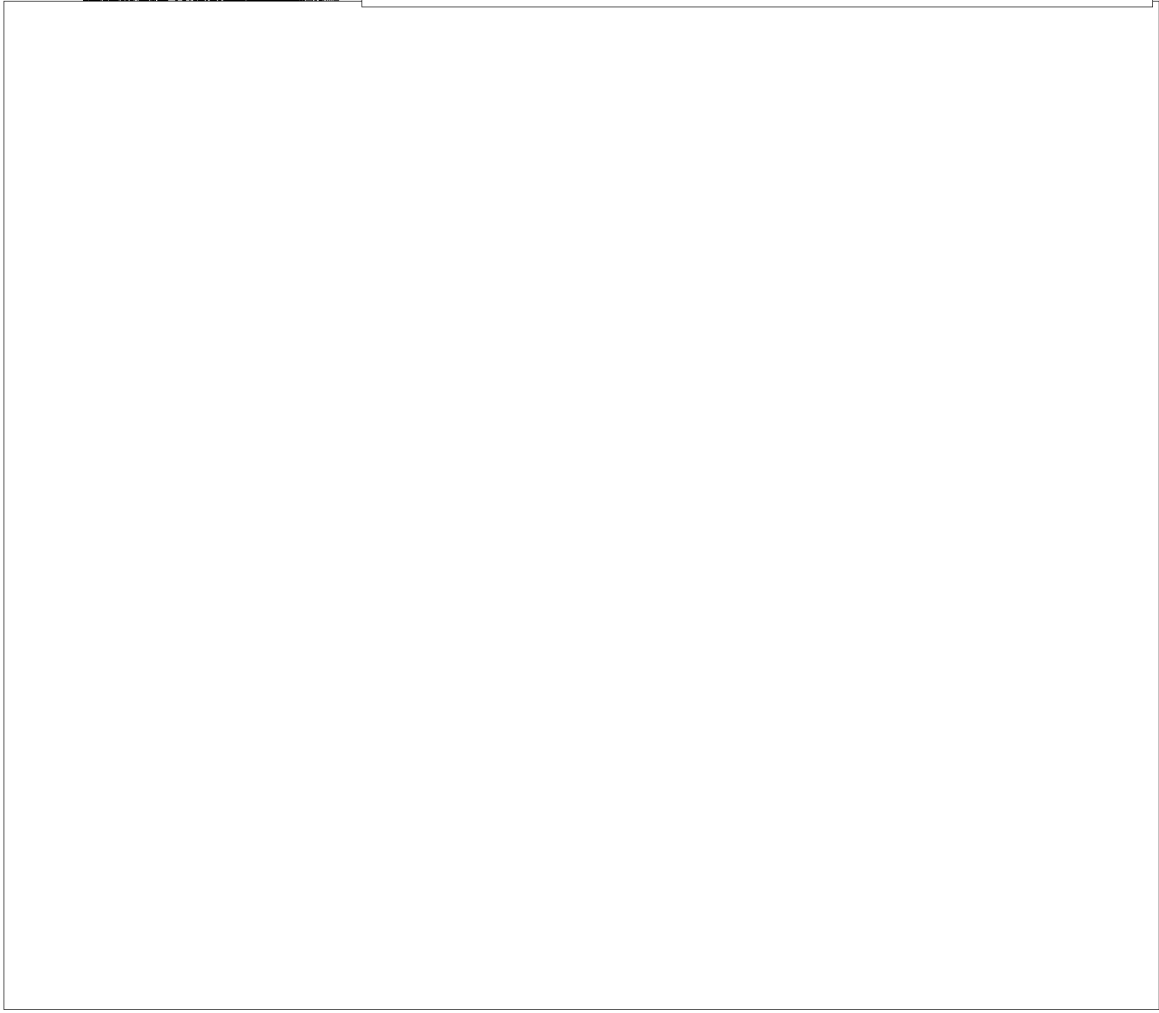
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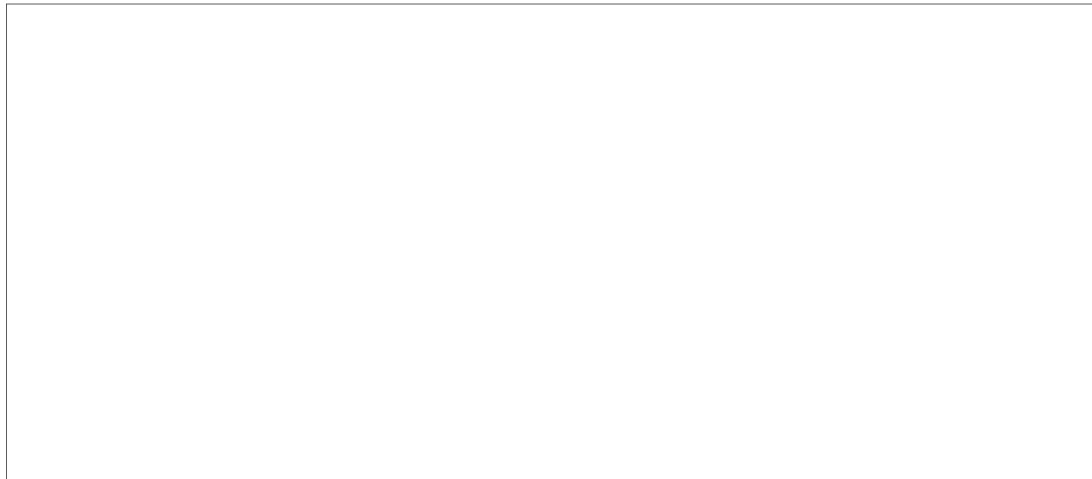
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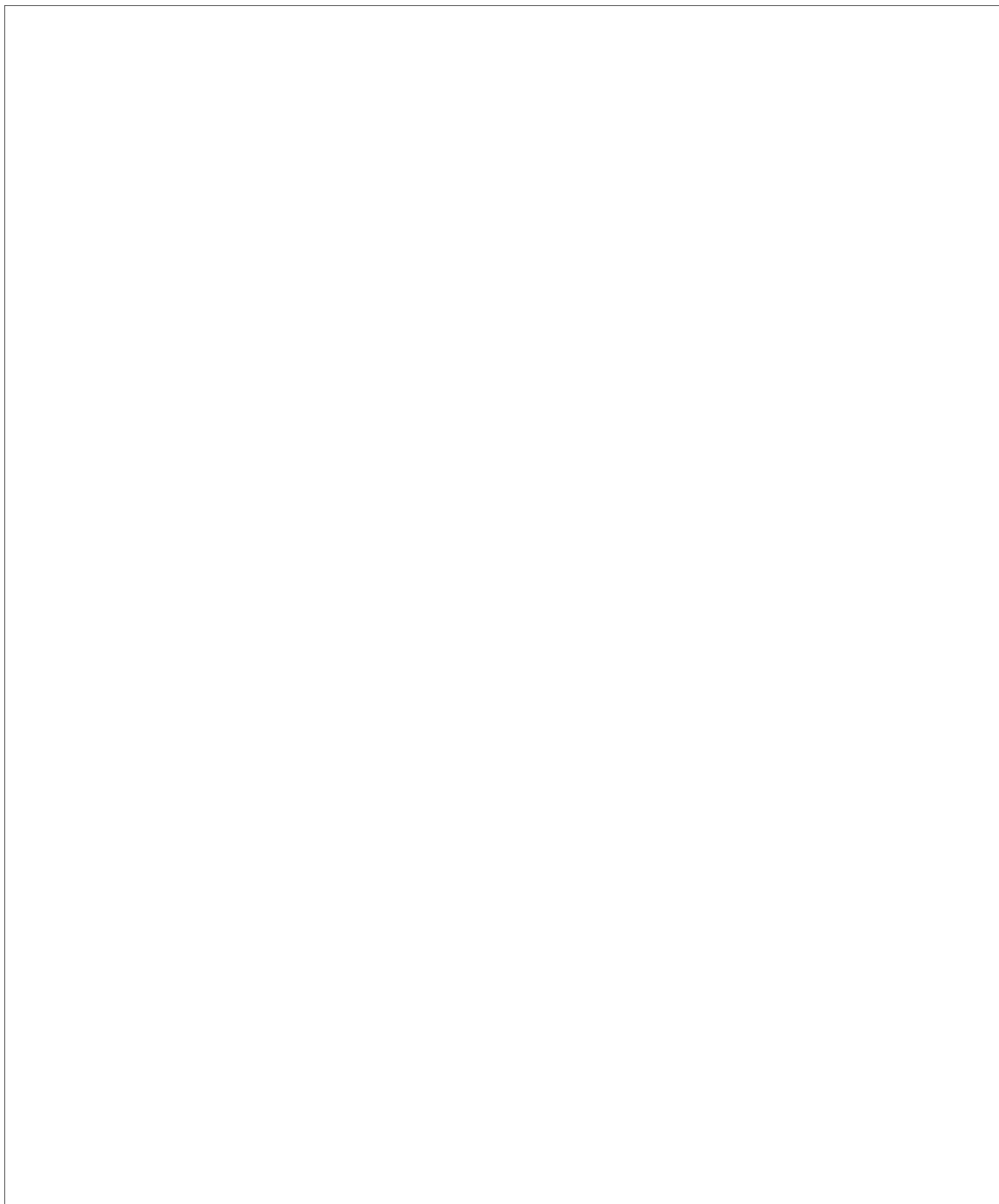
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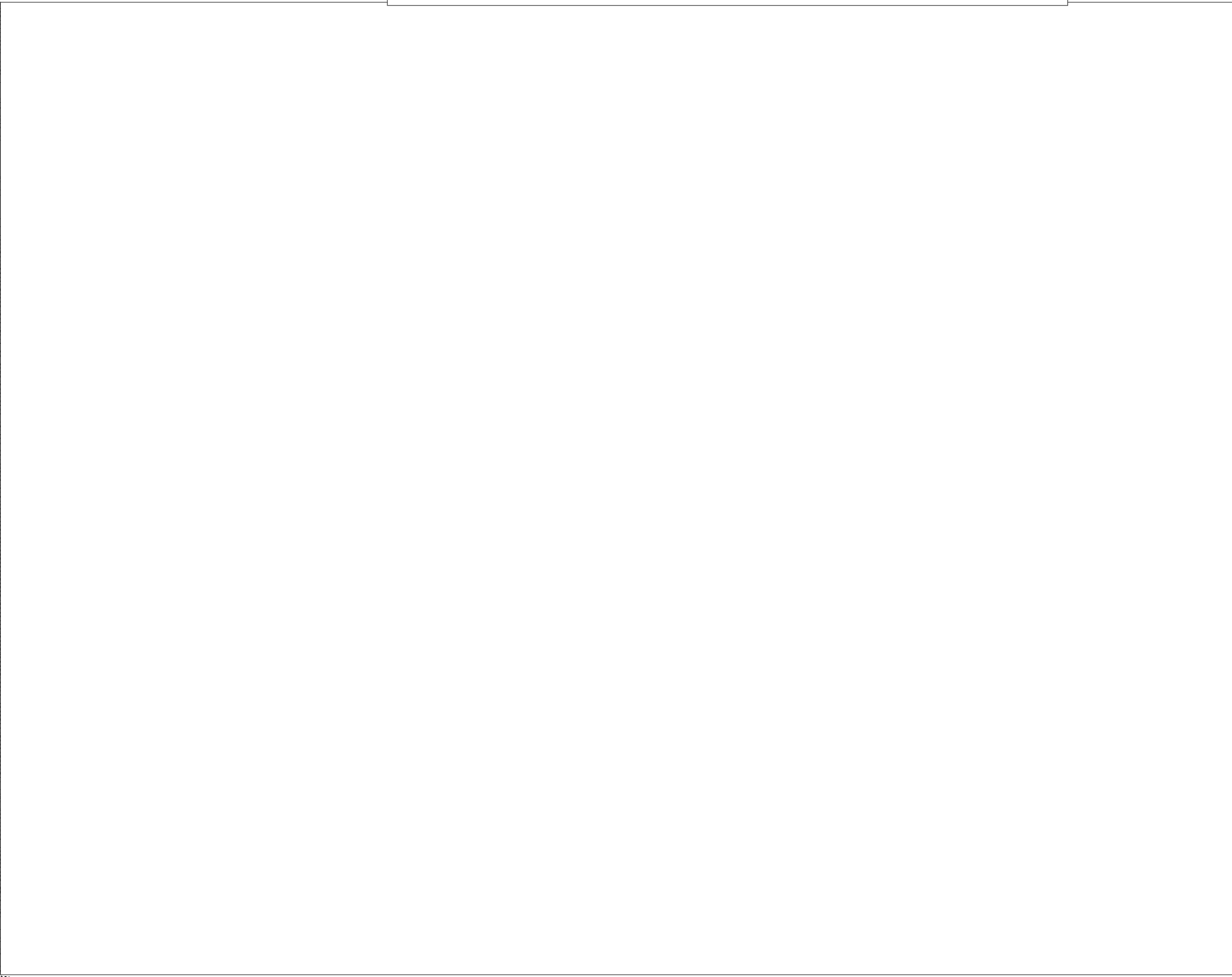
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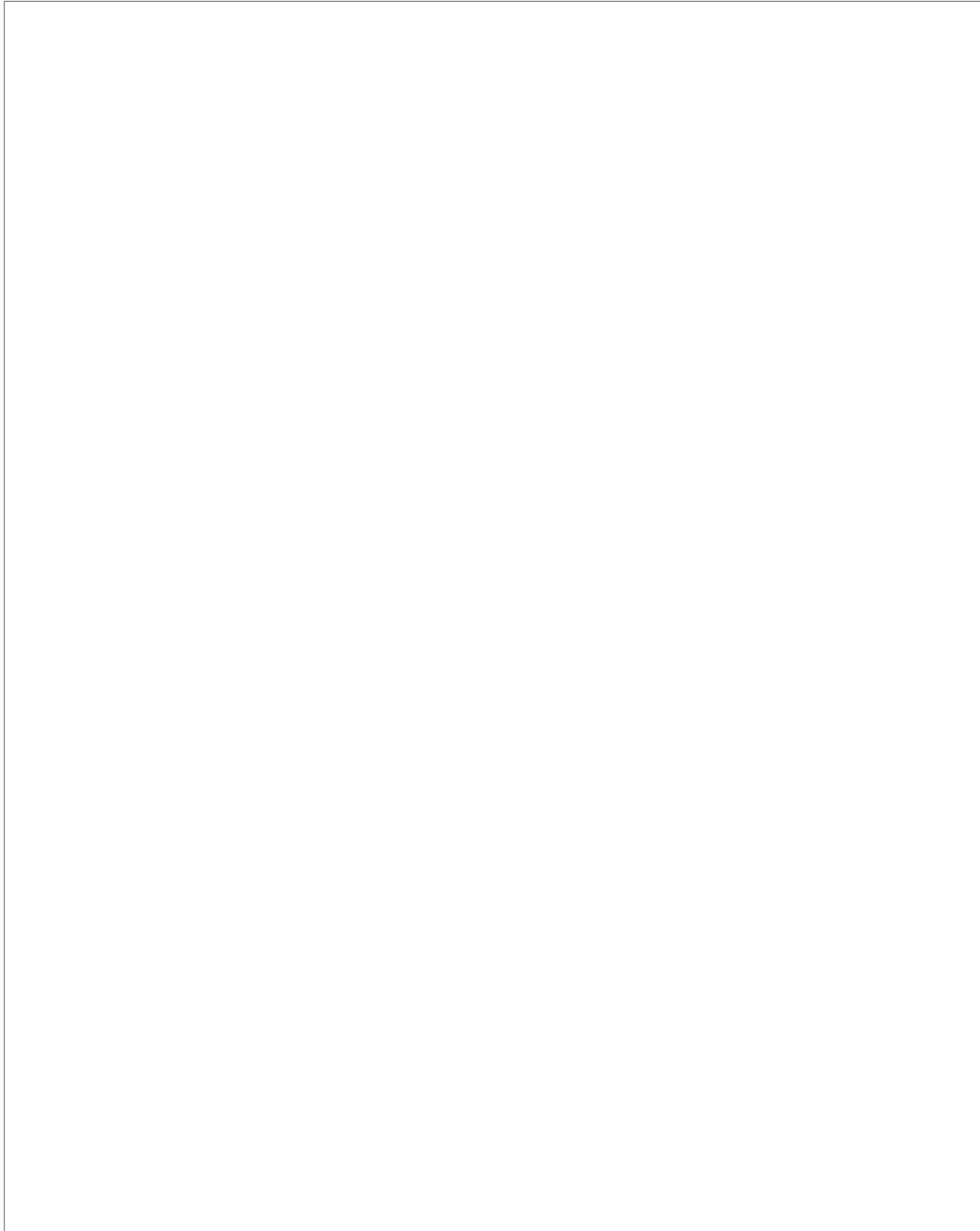
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South Africa: Sabotage, apparently organized by underground African groups, broke out last month and early this month in the area around Johannesburg. The American Embassy in Pretoria reports that the incidents, which included the cutting of power and communications lines and the burning of a local government office dealing with African affairs, showed considerable advance planning. The embassy comments that the inability of the Africans to carry on an overt political campaign in the face of strong security measures made the turn to sabotage inevitable. Although there have been no incidents since early October, the embassy believes that sabotage and underground activities are likely to increase in the future.
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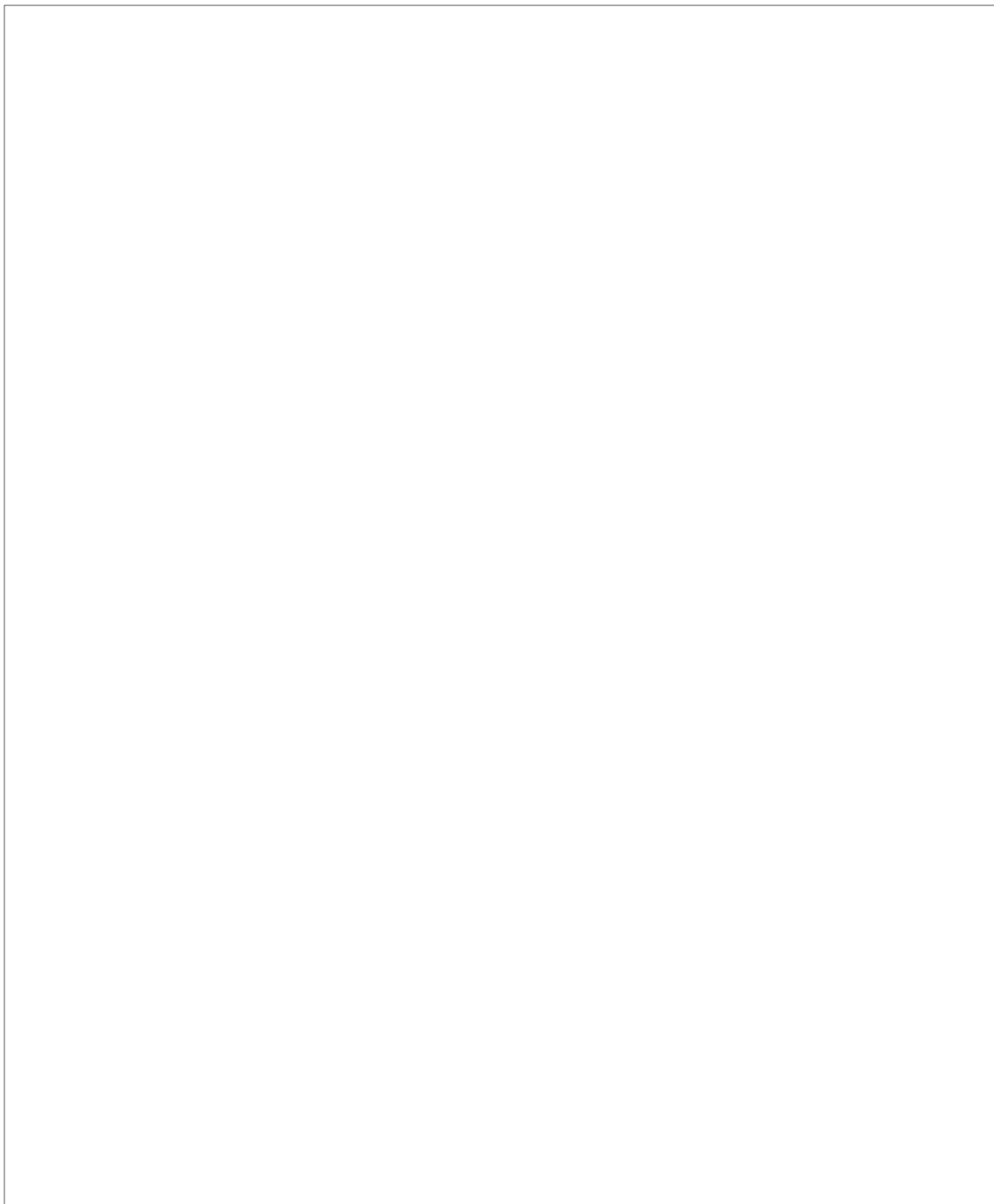
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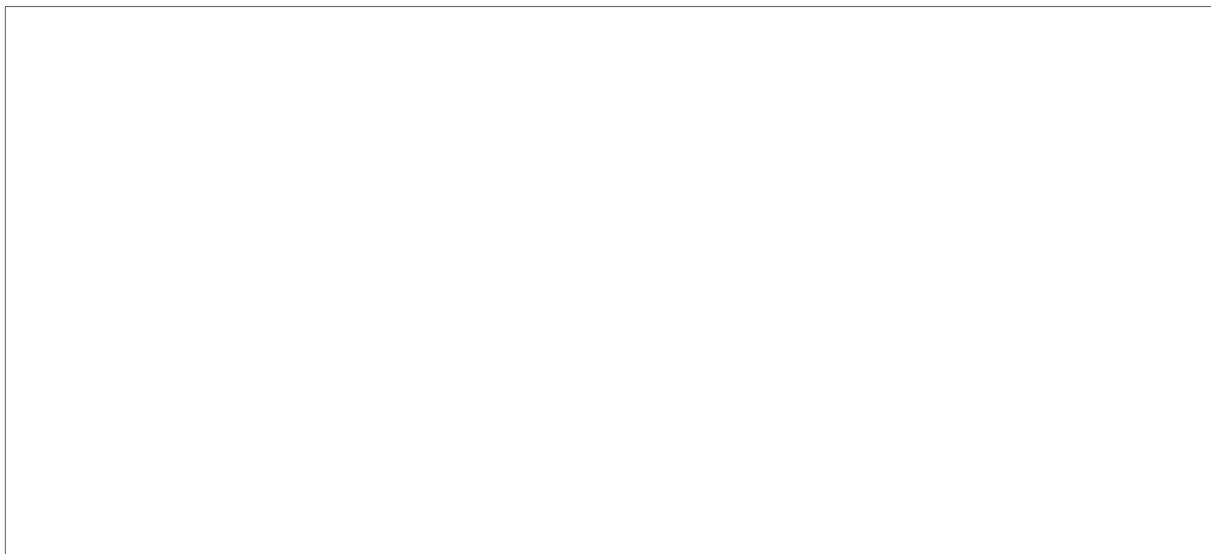
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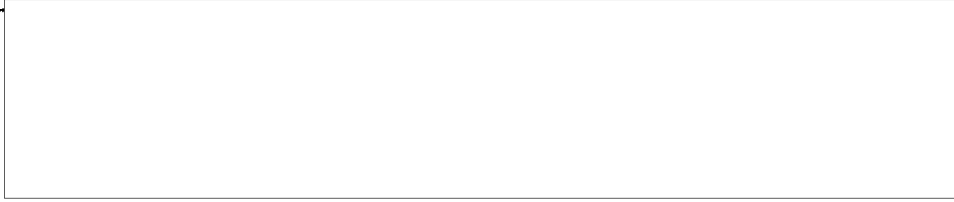
According to reports reaching the American Embassy in Pretoria, the sabotage incidents--some of which showed considerable skill--were accompanied by telephone calls to Johannesburg newspapers, calling the newspapers' attention to the occurrences. One caller said he spoke for a "National Liberation Committee," an underground organization which, according to South African political exiles, has branches in the important South African cities.

Following the abortive general strike last May, leaders of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) reportedly decided to enter a "second phase" of anti-government activity, in which the emphasis would be on sabotage. ANC activists allegedly were to be sent abroad for training, and a secret group independent of the ANC and its associated organization was to be set up to oversee the sabotage activity. The efforts of the saboteurs were to be concentrated on power stations, communications networks, and offices of the government's Bantu Administration Department. These plans are said to have the enthusiastic approval of ANC leader Albert Luthuli, who warned only that no "unnecessary deaths" should result.

Nelson Mandela, who led the strike campaign in May, reportedly stated in mid-September that an ANC sabotage campaign would begin in the near future. Mandela said that the campaign would concentrate initially on telephone lines and government offices but later might include roadblocks and railroad sabotage.

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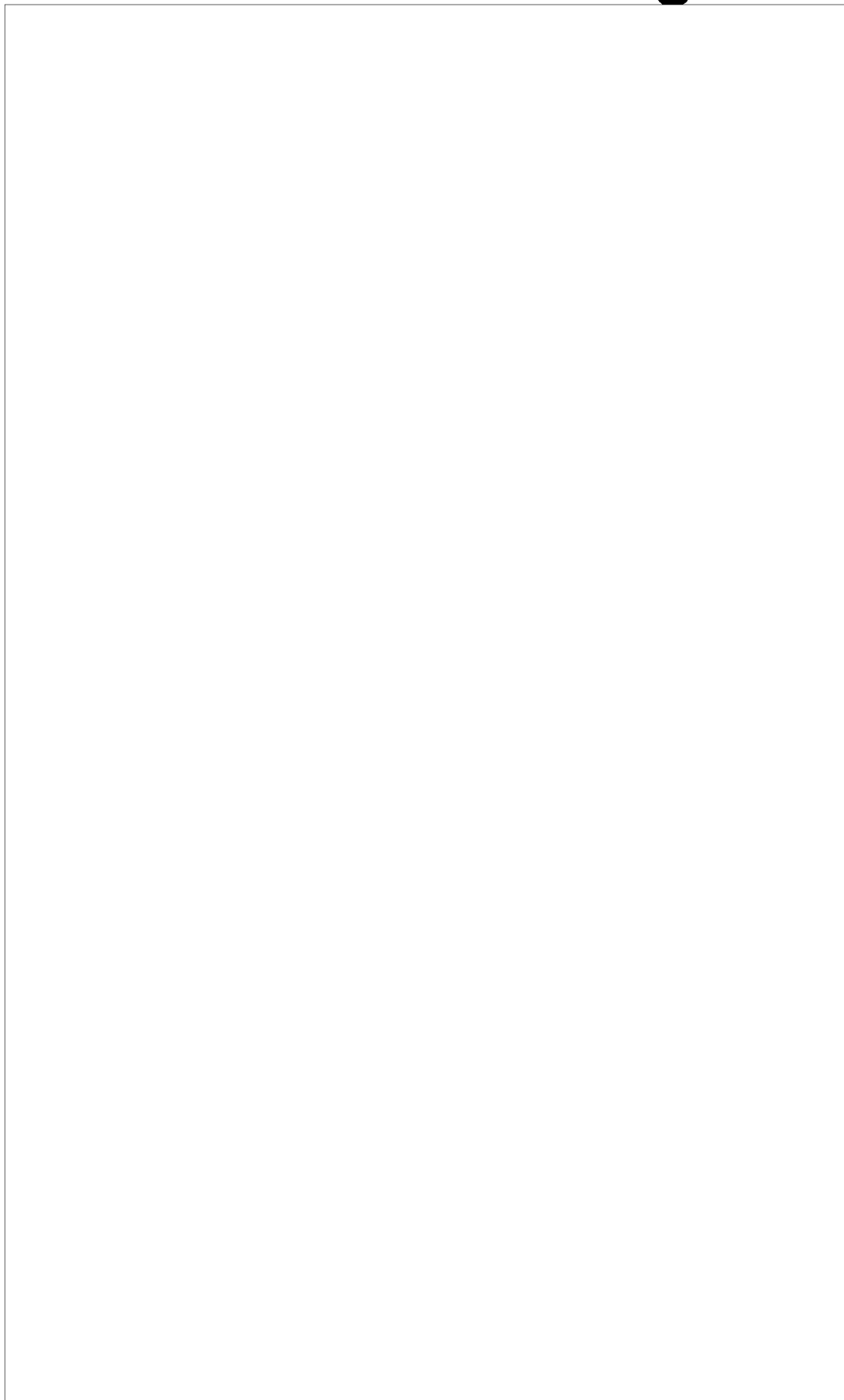
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