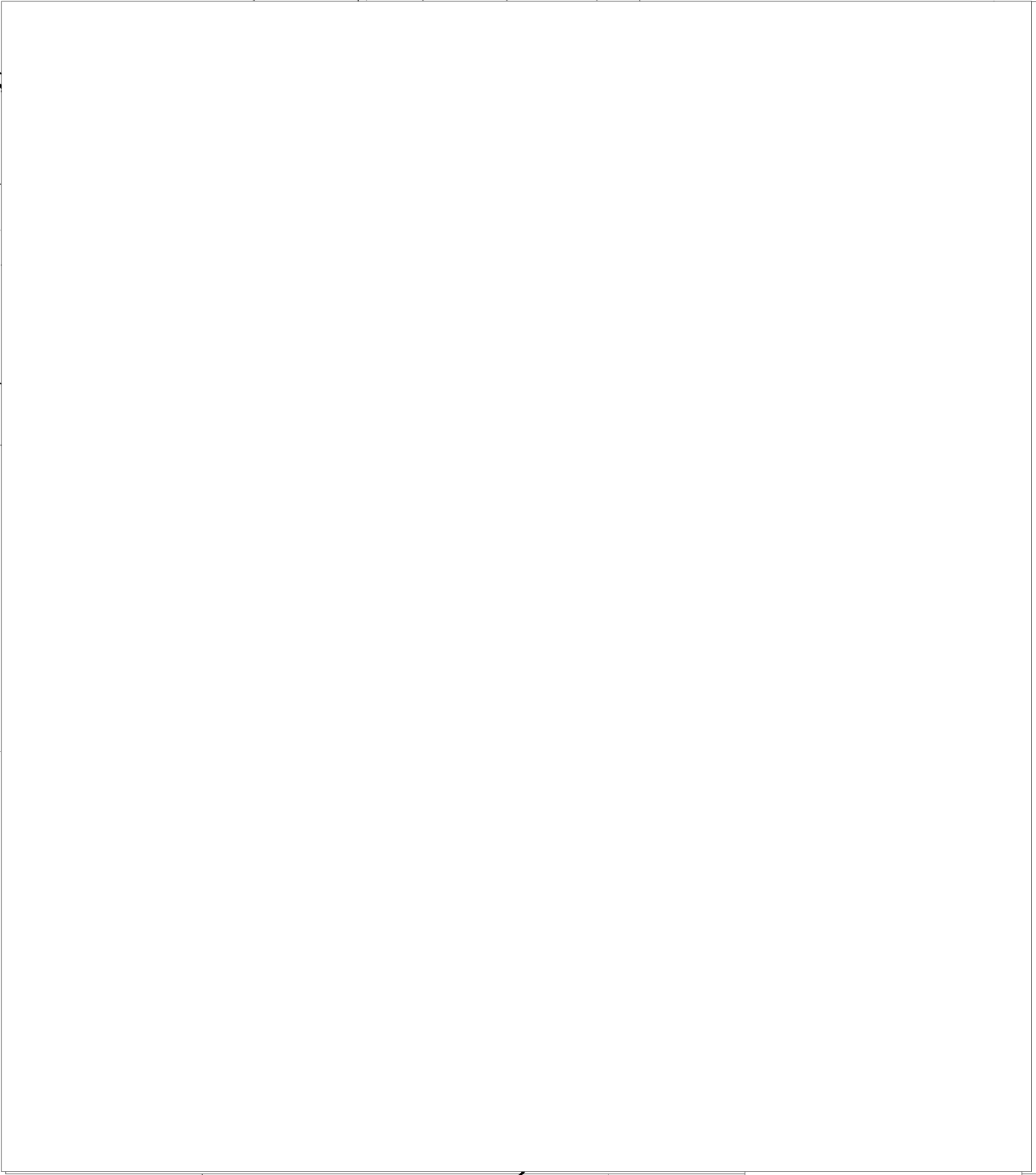


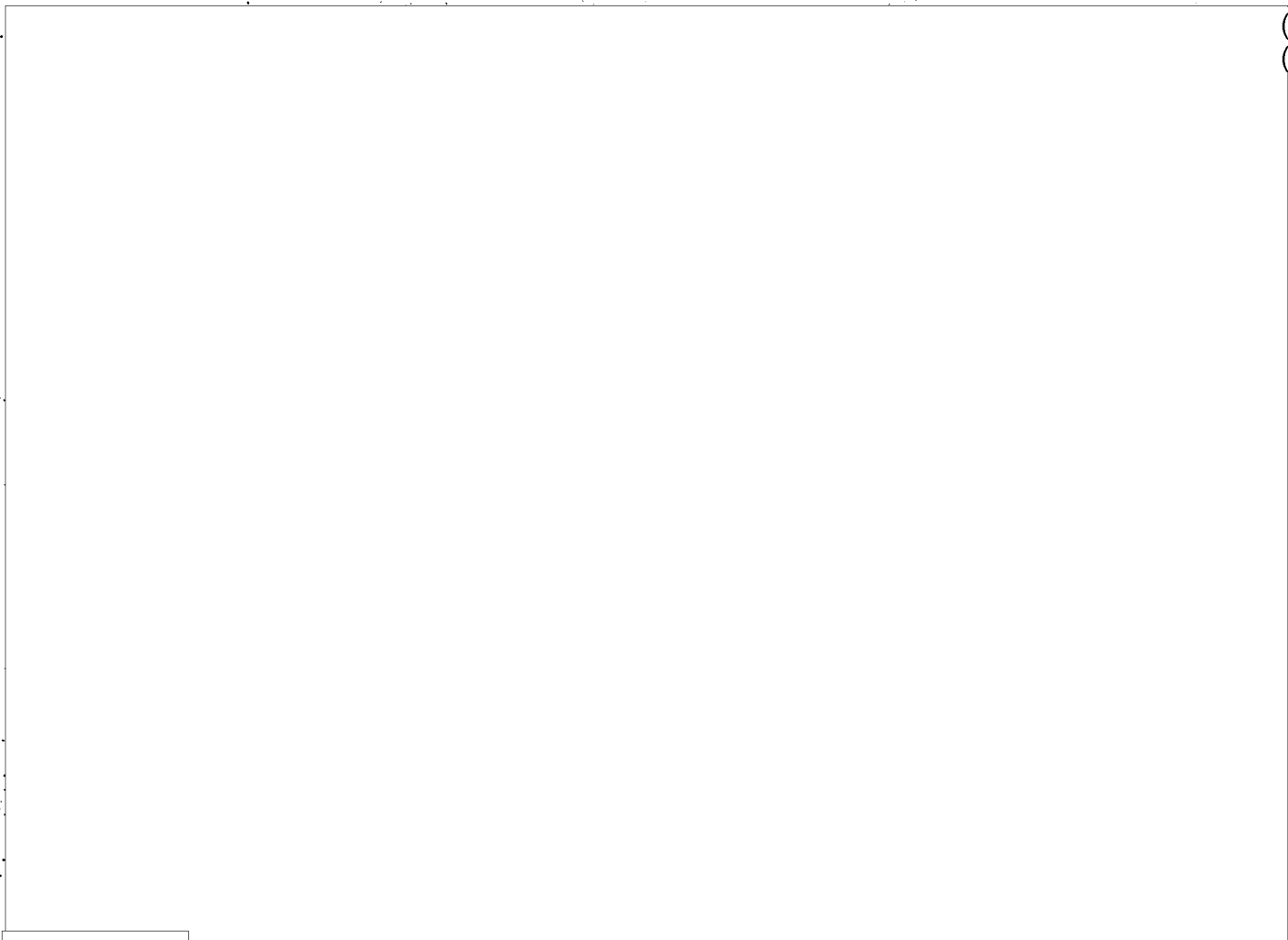
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[redacted] CIA played a role in the exfiltration of the six American diplomats hidden and cared for by the [redacted] in Tehran. By early December, CIA had started working on different strategies and scenarios for getting the six out of Iran and undertook several operational initiatives [redacted]

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On 4 December, the State Department requested CIA to assume responsibility for the exfiltration of the six Americans from Iran. On 13 December, the CIA submitted an exfiltration plan to the State Department (Precht) for consideration. And on 17 December, in response to [redacted] pressure, CIA discussed the subject [redacted] mindful of our need for [redacted] communications and other support in Tehran, did not push for a decision and agreed that the six Americans could "stay put for the time being." By the end of the month, however, both the U.S. and [redacted] had become increasingly concerned that the presence of the Americans in the [redacted] would become known to Iranian authorities. An article by Kim King in the Ottawa journal on

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29 December on the subject of American diplomats who had avoided capture by the militants on 4 November gave added point to these concerns. Exfiltration planning went into high gear, and in early January it was decided that the Americans would leave Tehran by commercial air [redacted]

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[redacted] On 7 January, CIA officers Mendez [redacted] conferred with [redacted] on cover and documentation requirements for the exfiltration. [redacted]

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[redacted] documentation [redacted] was prepared by CIA and sent to Tehran [redacted]

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[redacted] On 19 January, CIA officer Mendez proceeded to Tehran to brief the six Americans on their cover scenario and distribute to them the appropriate documents and pocket litter for their cover roles. On 28 January, Mendez led the six Americans through Mehrabad Airport without incident and they arrived in Zurich a few hours later.

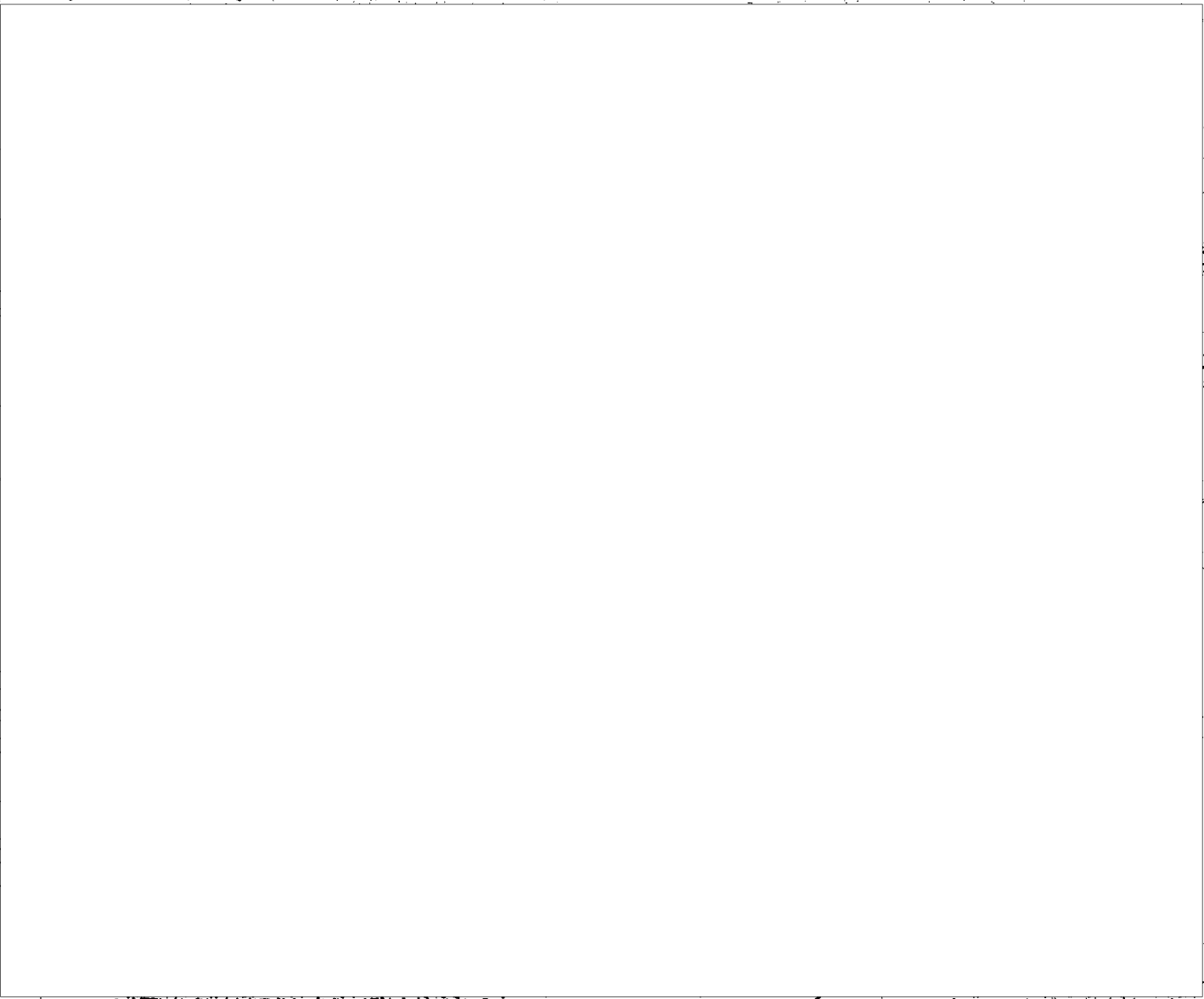
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