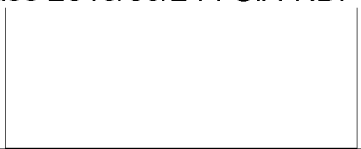
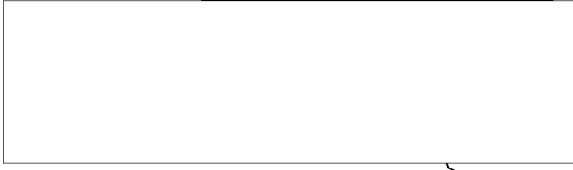




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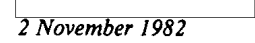


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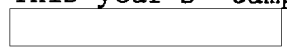


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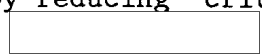
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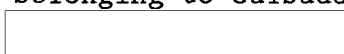
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Several bands--most belonging to Gulbuddin's organization--have gone over to the government.



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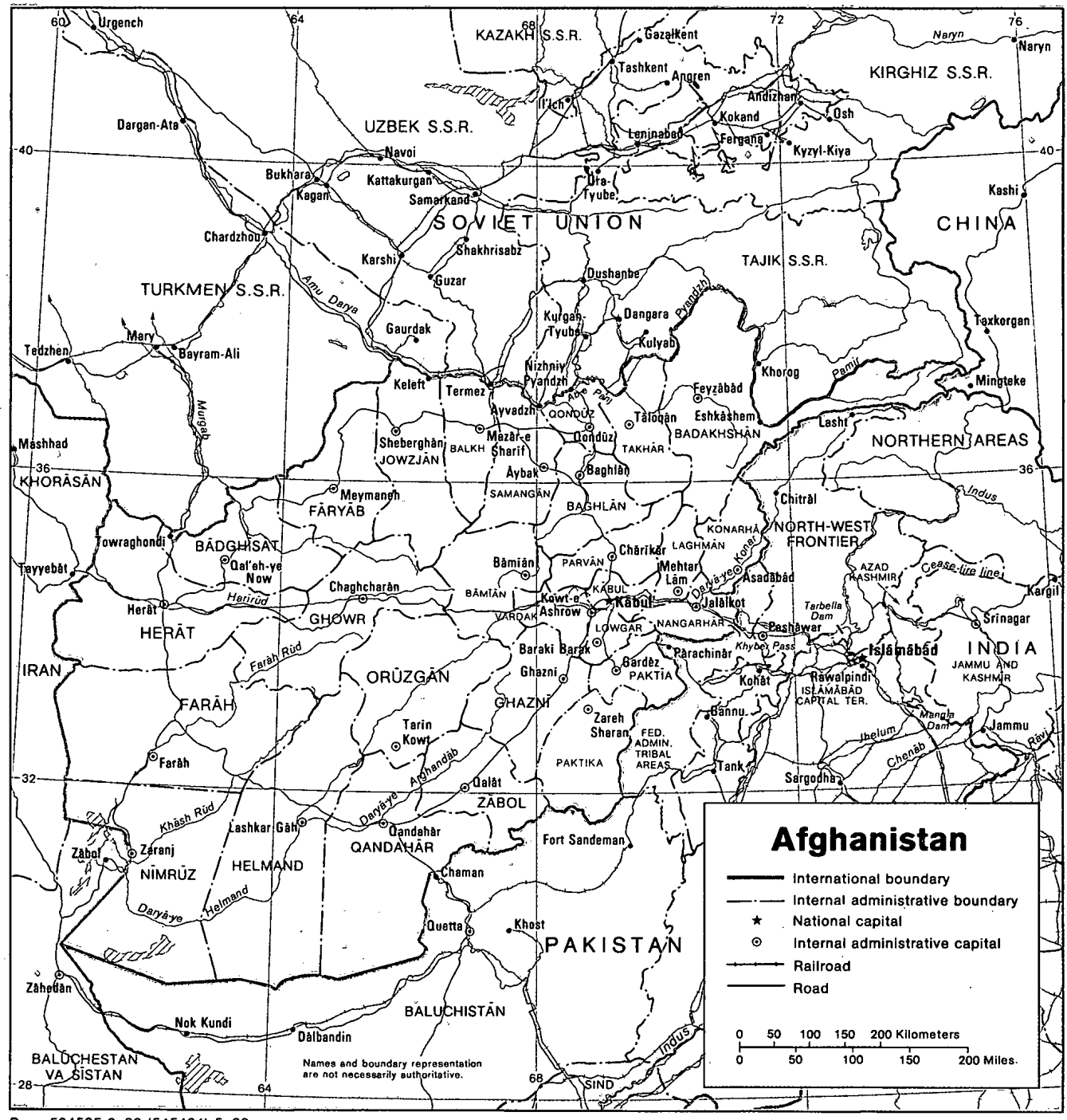
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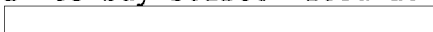
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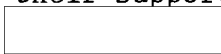
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 this year's Soviet/Afghan campaigns in the Panjsher Valley seriously damaged local crops and villages. The 80,000 inhabitants, many of whom are now returning from the mountains, are being forced to buy scarce food at inflated prices or rely on outside supplies.  insurgent commander Masood said the situation even as early as June 1982 was already as bad as it was last winter and local people will face even more serious problems this winter. The Soviet seizure last August of the Koranomunjan area, at the north end of the Valley, cut off a vital supply route. The Panjsheris must now rely on a longer Hezbi-Islami-controlled route to the south, which Masood's caravans must pay to use.


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Comment: The Soviet seizure of a key supply route may be the first move in an effort to cut off insurgent supplies and let the winter do what Soviet arms cannot. Because they cannot occupy all areas or depend on their Afghan allies to secure them, the Soviets may try to destroy the food supply and to eliminate civilian support in other resistance strongholds this winter to weaken insurgent groups. The destruction in the Panjsher could become even more valuable to the Soviets if word of starvation there spreads and causes civilians in other areas to withdraw their support of the resistance lest they suffer the same fate.

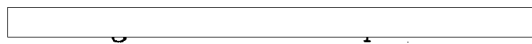



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INSURGENT ATTACKS SHUT DOWN POL PIPELINE 

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 Soviet engineers at Bagram had given up hope of operating the new POL pipeline, which was recently extended from Pol-e Khomri and has been the target of frequent guerrilla attacks. Soviet advisers concluded that unidentified "major changes" would be needed to protect the pipeline. 

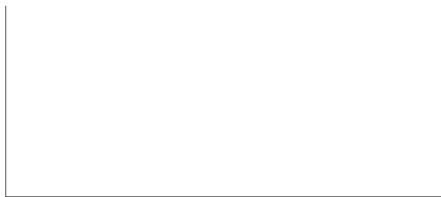
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 the highway leading north from Kabul is considered to be 75 percent under government control. The road segment in question is 65 kilometers long and is guarded by small Soviet and Afghan units stationed every two kilometers. 

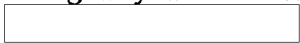
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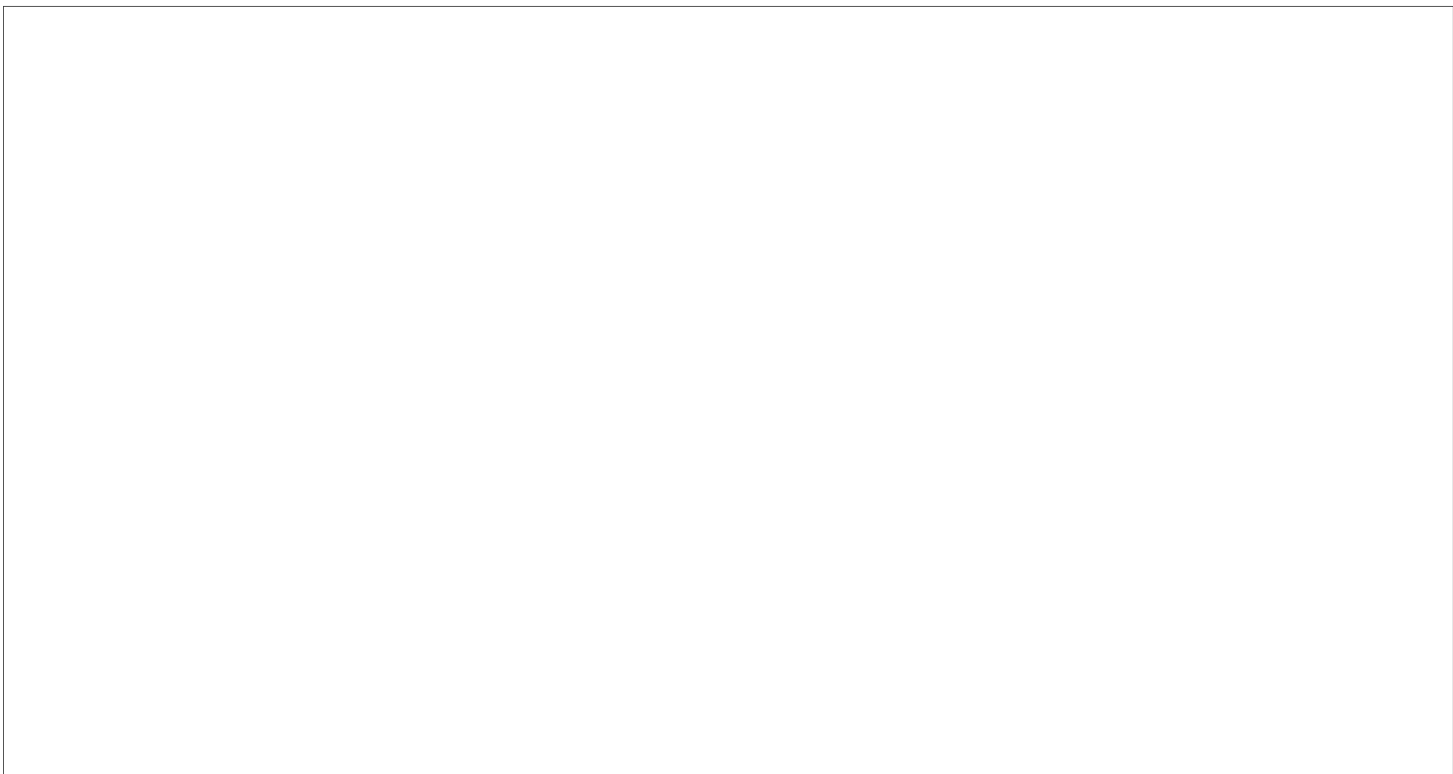
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Comment: Continuing insurgent attacks to keep the pipeline closed would help the resistance greatly this winter by reducing critical fuel supplies for Soviet air and ground operations. With no operating pipeline, the Soviets would have to again rely on truck tankers, which are highly vulnerable to ambush on the main road to Kabul. The claim of 75 percent control of the road appears exaggerated and would still leave the insurgents in control of many kilometers along a highway where the guerrillas have perfected the art of convoy ambush.



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[Redacted] 17 insurgents belonging to the Harakat-i-Islami surrendered in Kabul Province on 29 August. Forty other insurgents surrendered on 1 September. Both bands were converted into

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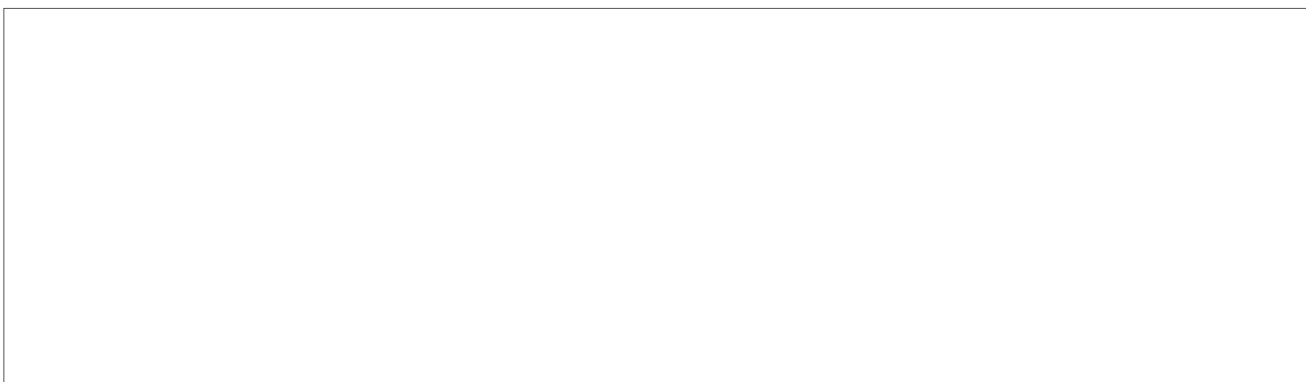
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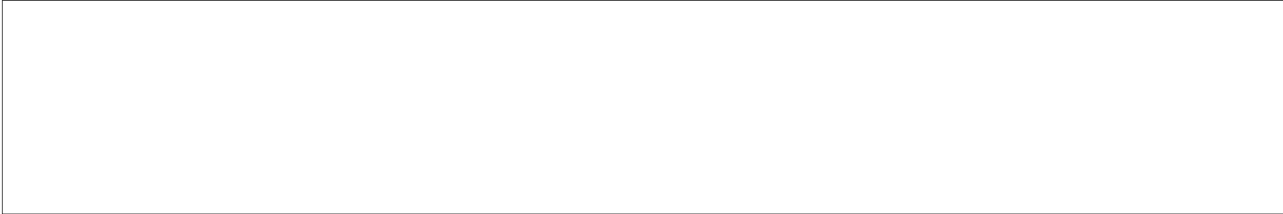
village defense groups. [redacted] in early 25X1
 October, several hundred of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's followers near the
 Panjsher Valley transferred their allegiance to the Jamiat-i-Islami.
 Around 20 October, [redacted] two of Gulbuddin's 25X1
 bands in Baghlan Province defected to the government. The leaders were
 made district chiefs, and the men were inducted into the Army and other
 security organizations. Three of Gulbuddin's bands in northern Afghani-
 stan have also gone over to the government, [redacted]. 25X1
 Many Army officers suspect these groups surrendered in an effort to
 infiltrate the defense forces. [redacted] 25X1
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Comment: Some of these defections may well be fraudulent. In late
 September, two of Gulbuddin's bands in Nangarhar Province offered to sur-
 render, but ambushed the force sent to bring them in. Moreover, even if
 the bands now support the government, those that remain responsible for
 the defense of their villages could easily turn against the government if
 it tries to interfere in local affairs. We have, however, never before
 seen so many reports of defections in a short period of time, presumably
 an indication that a growing-- if still small--number of insurgents are
 thinking seriously about making a deal with the government. Followers of
 Gulbuddin, whose policies have resulted in many clashes among insurgents,
 appear to be the most disillusioned. Defections so far have not had a
 noticeable effect on the level of fighting, but for several years the
 Soviets have been counting on insurgent war weariness and disillusion
 eventually to end the war. [redacted] 25X1

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--Two non-American employees of the US Embassy in Kabul have been questioned separately by the Soviet-controlled Afghan political police, KHAD, about the embassy's internal security procedures and communications arrangements. As a result, the embassy is heightening its vigilance.



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--Wounded Soviet soldiers get priority over wounded Afghan soldiers in treatment and in receiving blood transfusions at hospitals in Kabul, while waiting for less-seriously wounded Soviets to be treated.



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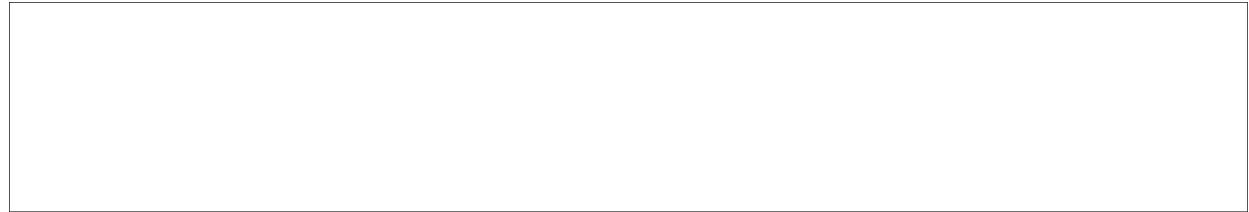
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--[Redacted] Libya has dissuaded Al-Zulfikar leaders from moving their headquarters from Kabul to Damascus and is training members of the Pakistani terrorist group, presumably in terrorist tactics. We believe Libyans have trained Al-Zulfikar members in the past.



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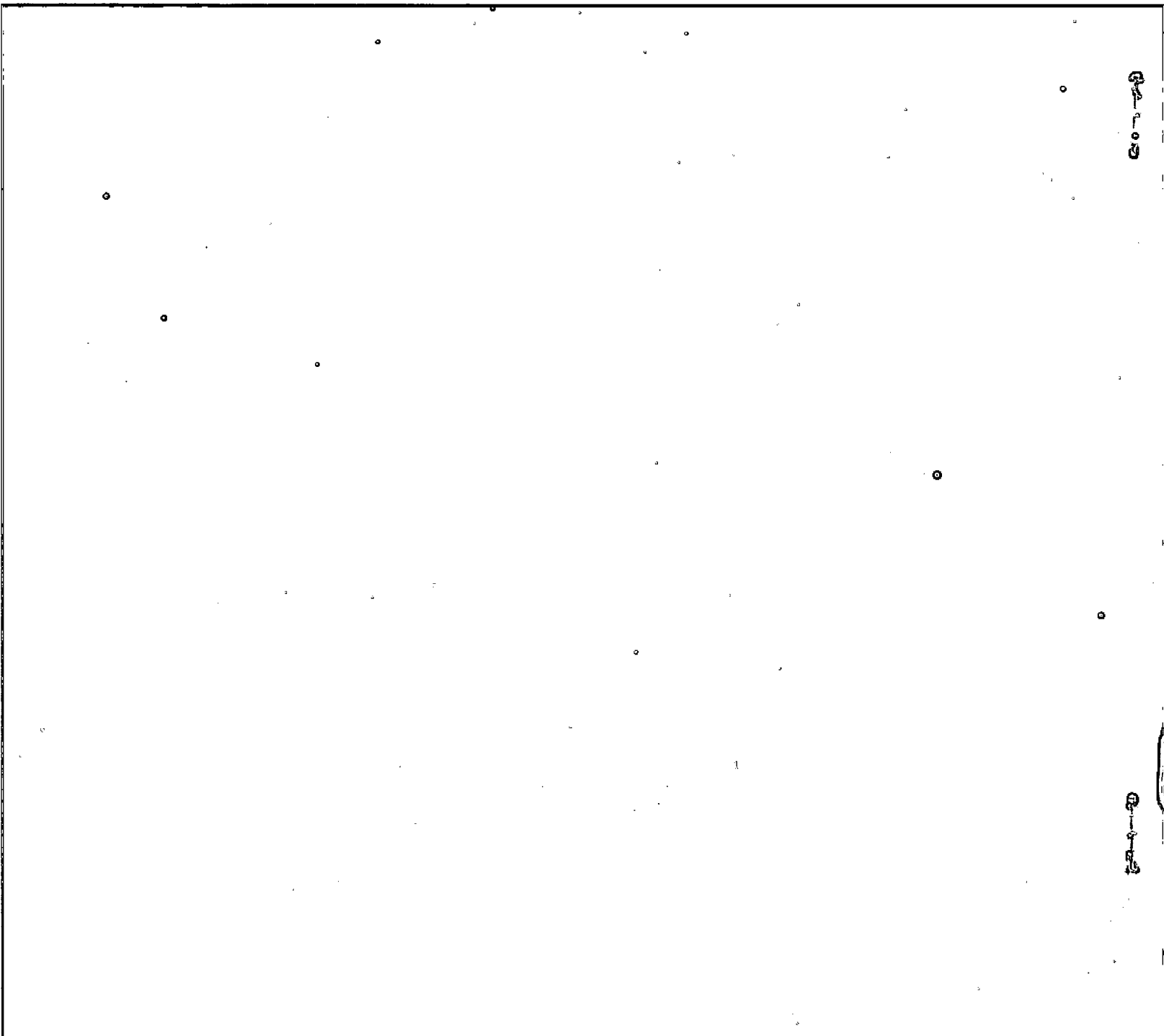
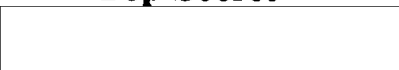


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