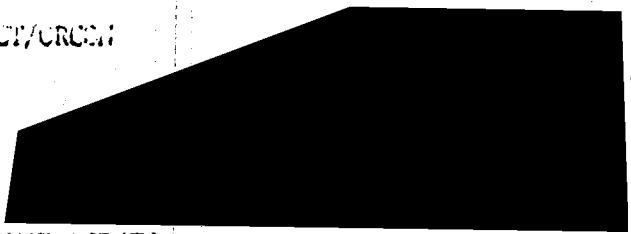


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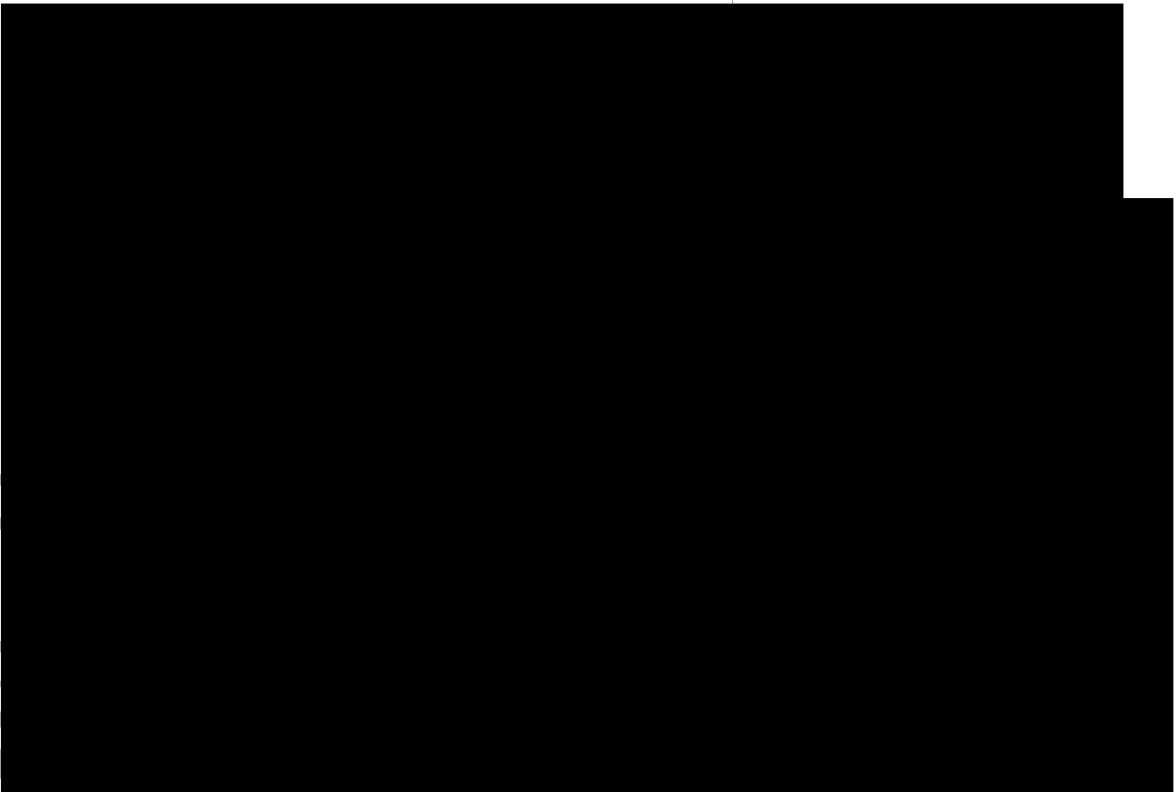
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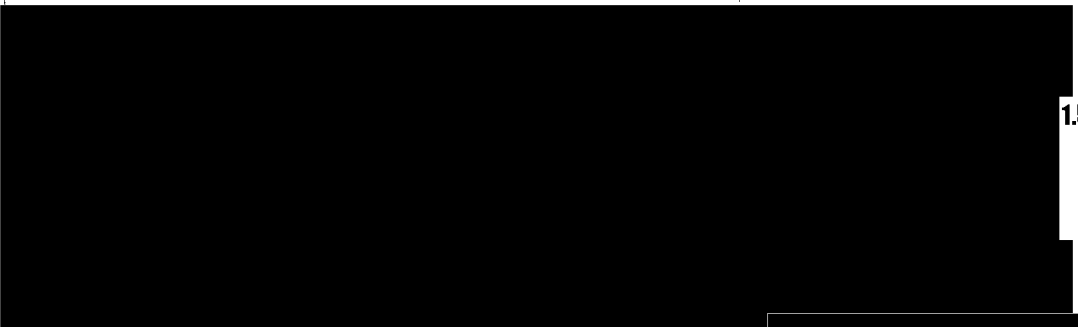
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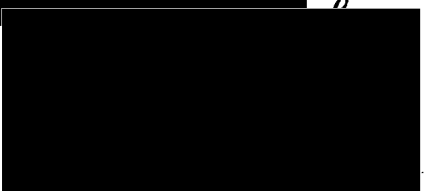


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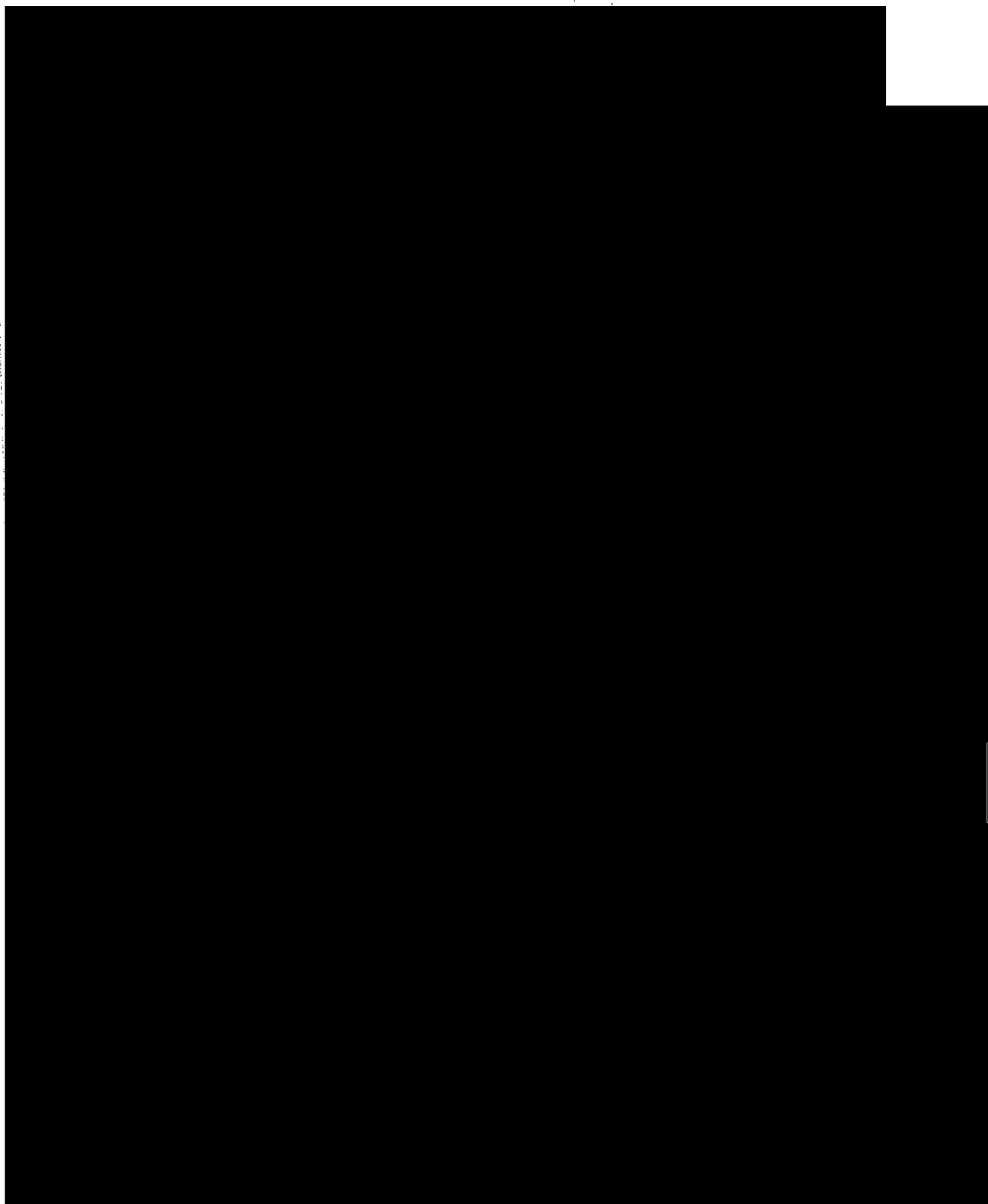
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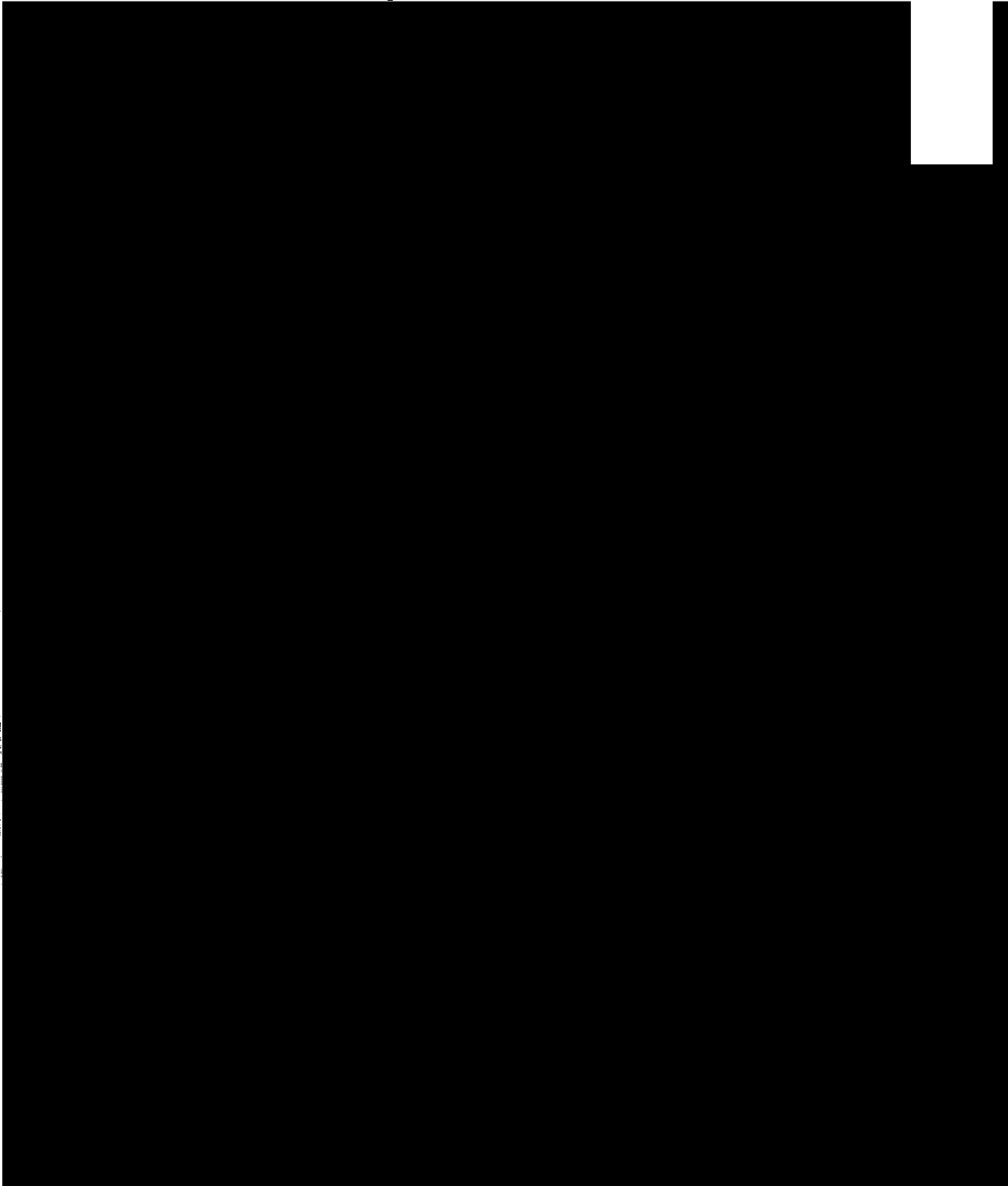


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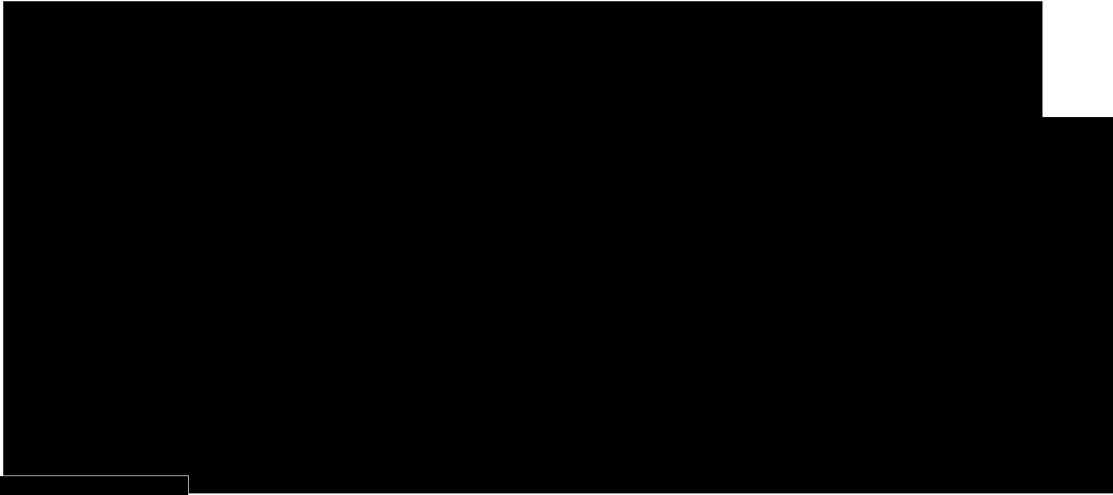
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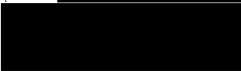


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-- The Chilean government reportedly has improved the living conditions of the 12 Christian Democratic party leaders banished to the north on January 14. Relatives of the group have asked the Ministry of the Interior to bring the 12 before the court on specific charges so that it can be determined if, in fact, a law has been broken. *The habeas corpus petition will probably be denied because the judiciary in the past has not challenged the existing state of siege in such cases. Meanwhile, some West European members of the United Nations Human Rights Commission have seized on the plight of the banished Chilean politicians. While the Europeans recognize that the Chileans have made some progress in human rights practices, they believe that the focus of future human rights resolutions on Chile should be changed from cases of direct abuse to the general problem of repressive rule. They are pressing for a resolution that will call for an end of the state of siege, restoration of freedom of the press, and liberation of all political prisoners.*

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