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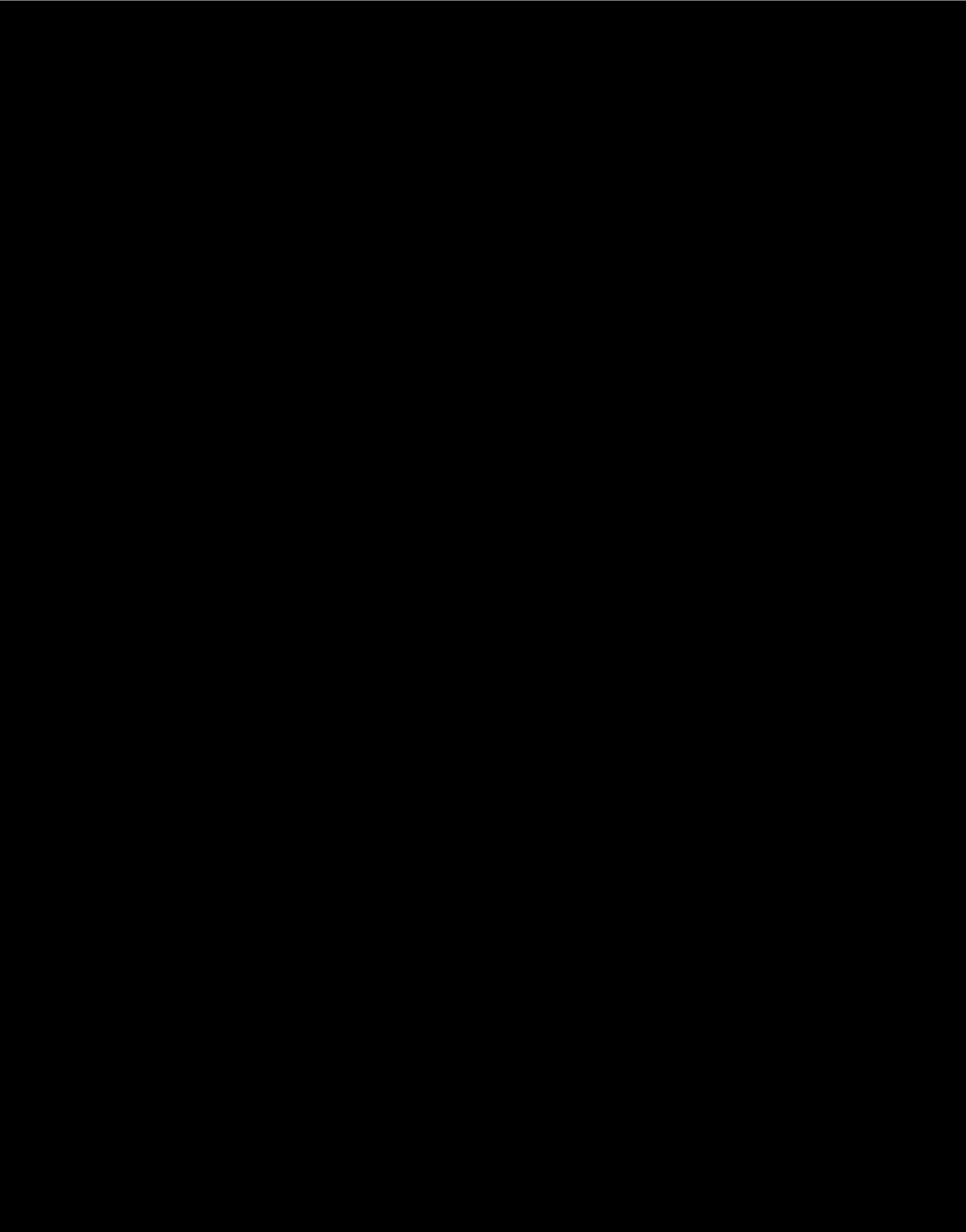
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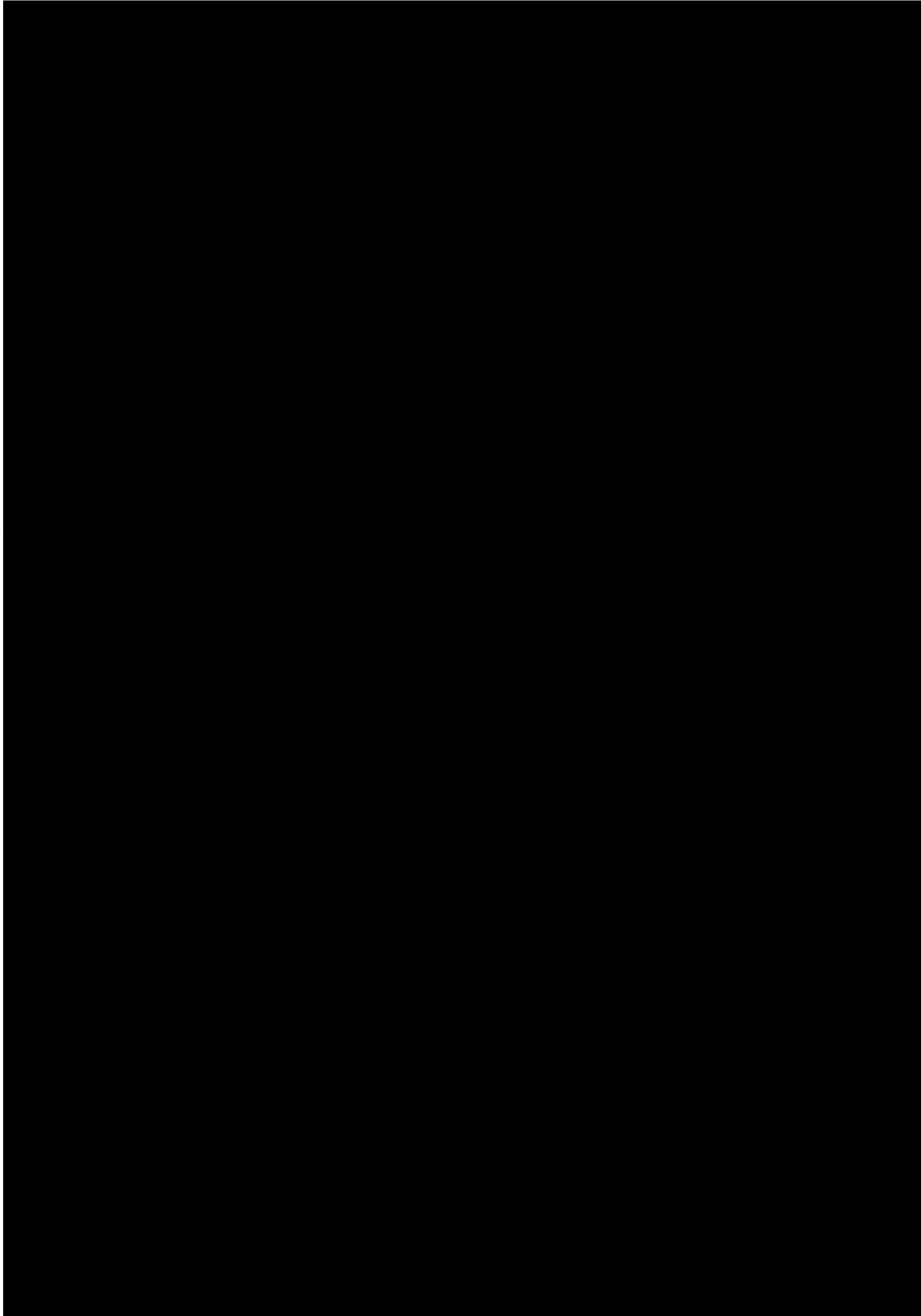
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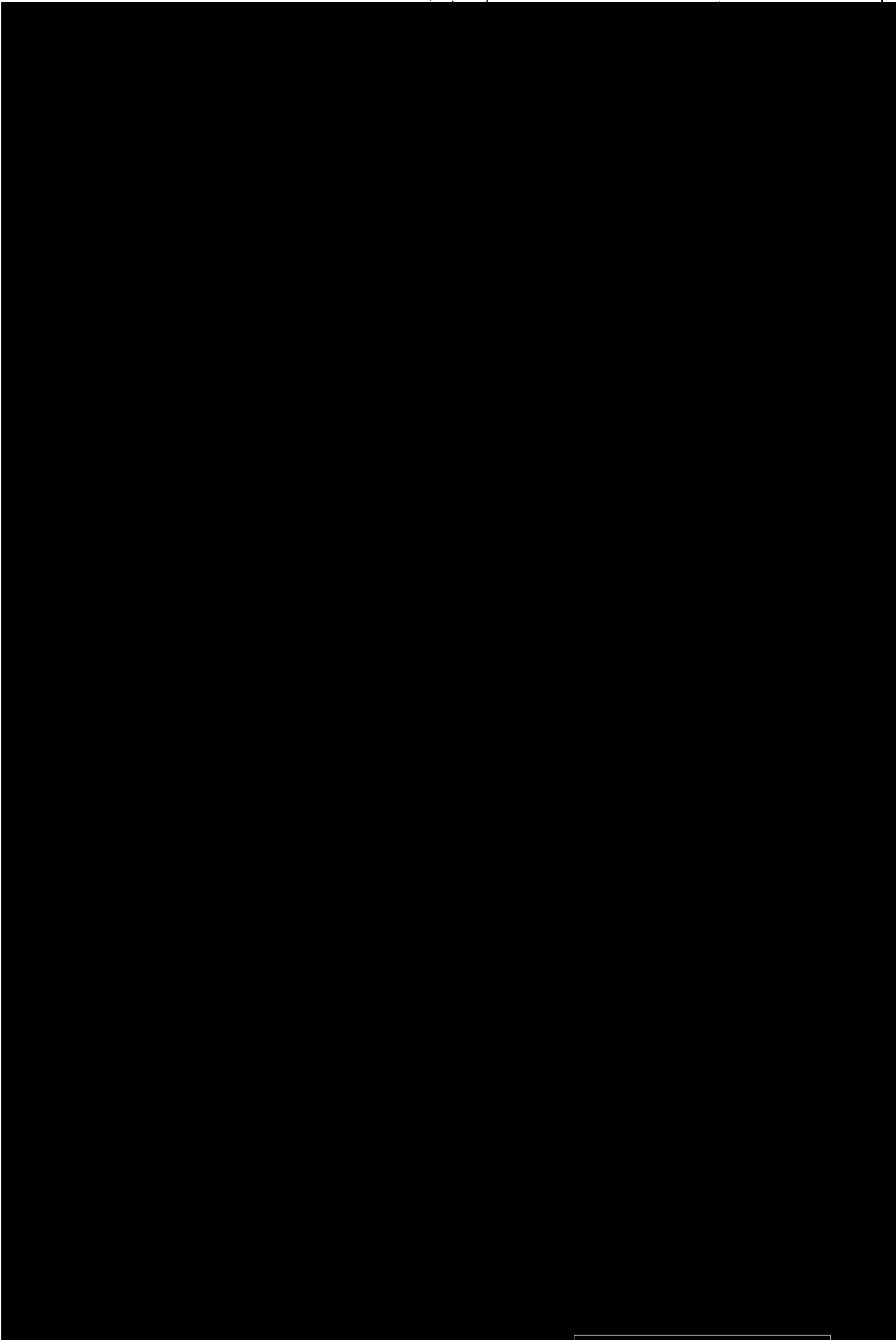
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### Regime Expected to Commute Four Death Sentences in Chile

The four death sentences handed down in Chile by an air force court-martial yesterday are likely to be commuted by higher military authorities. Other sentences, ranging from 300 days to life in prison, may also be reduced on appeal.

The public trials of the defend-

ants—mostly military men—began in April and ended late last month. The most serious charges involved the passage of military secrets to the “enemy” and leftist attempts to promote insubordination in the air force. Carlos Lazo, former president of the state bank, received one of the death sentences, and former Socialist senator Eric Schnake got 20 years.

Since the trials were by wartime court-martial, appeals may be taken only to higher military authorities. The junta will have the final word on the death sentences, but it is doubtful that any of the condemned men actually will be executed.

The military government has grown increasingly aware of the damage that executions have done to Chile’s international image. All death sentences handed down by military courts so far this year have been commuted.

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