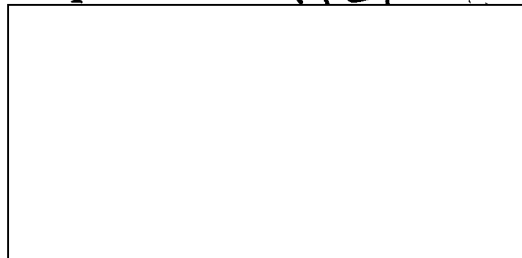




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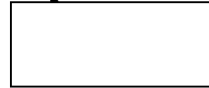


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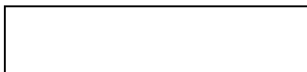
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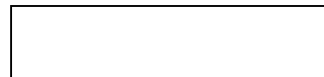


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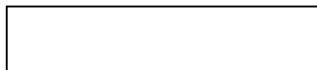
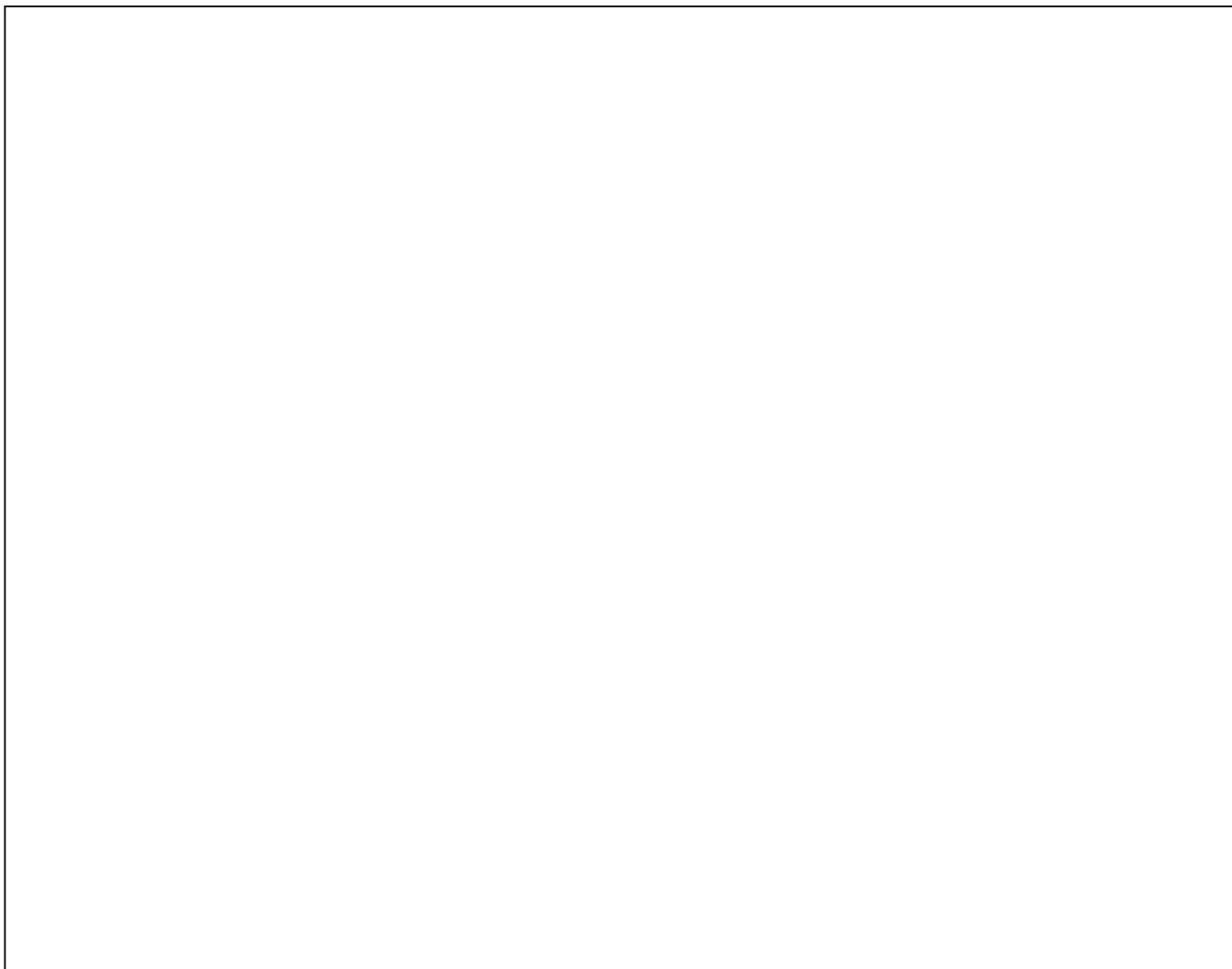


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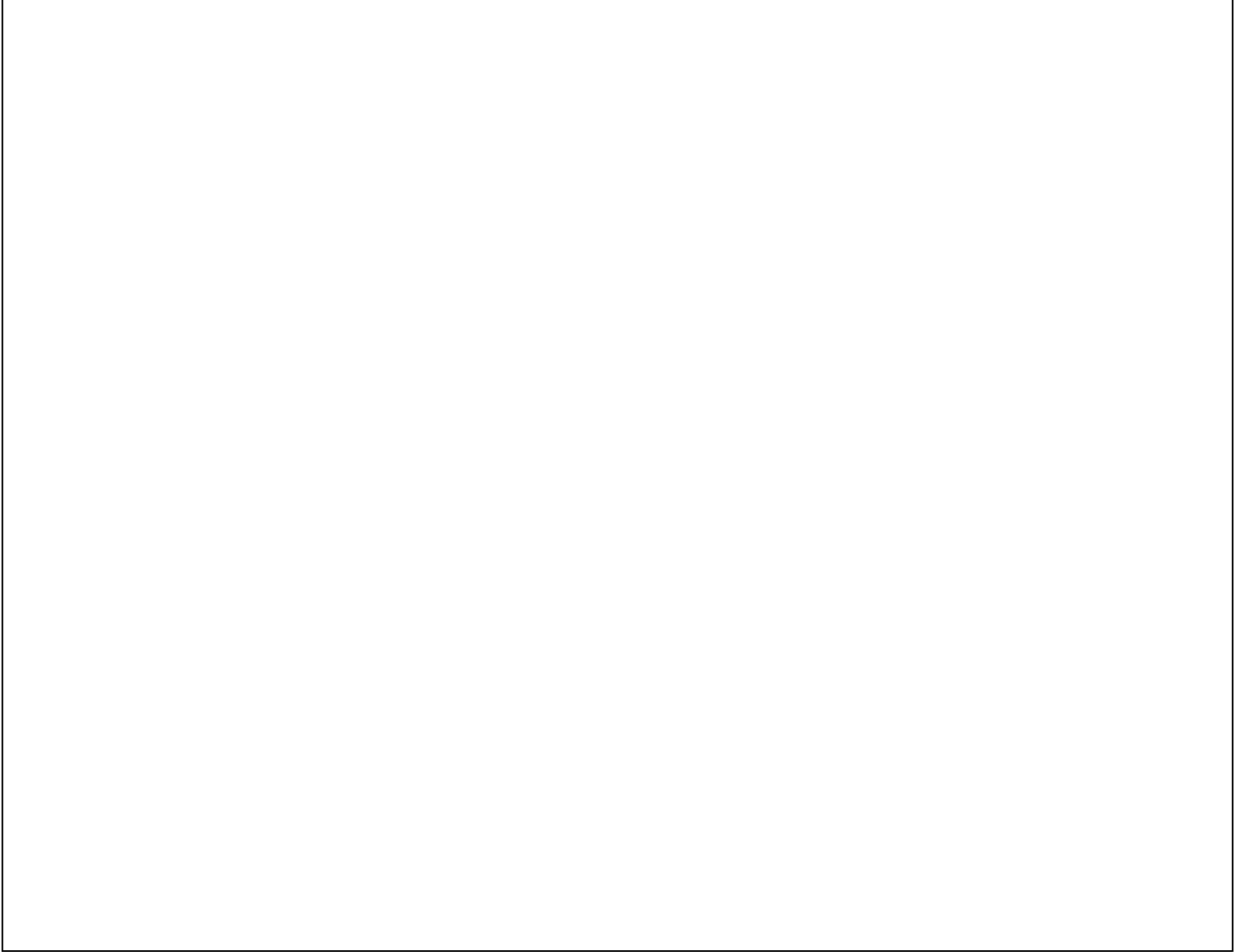
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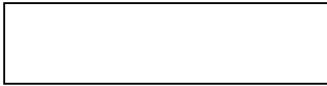
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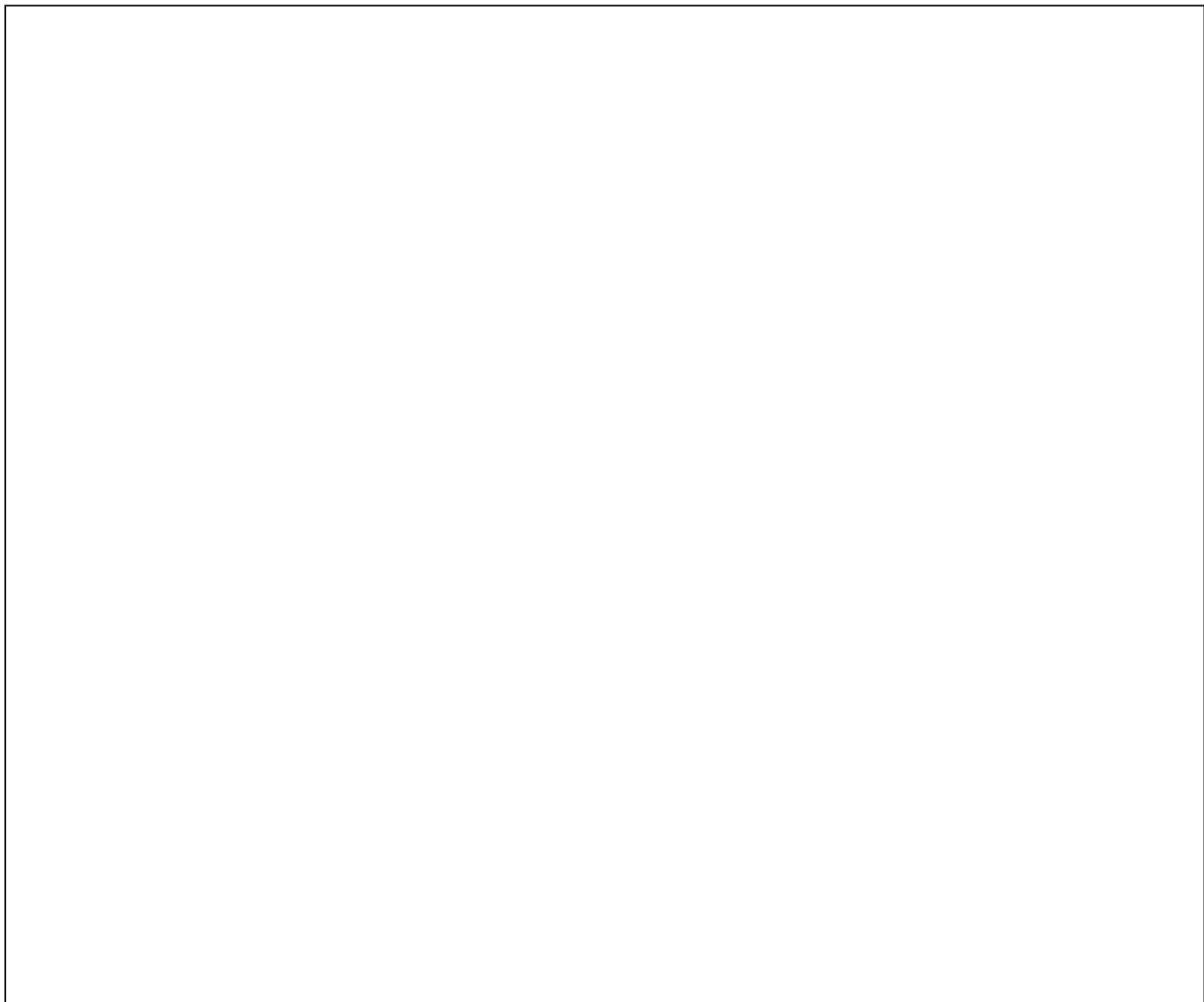
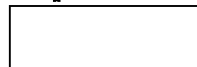


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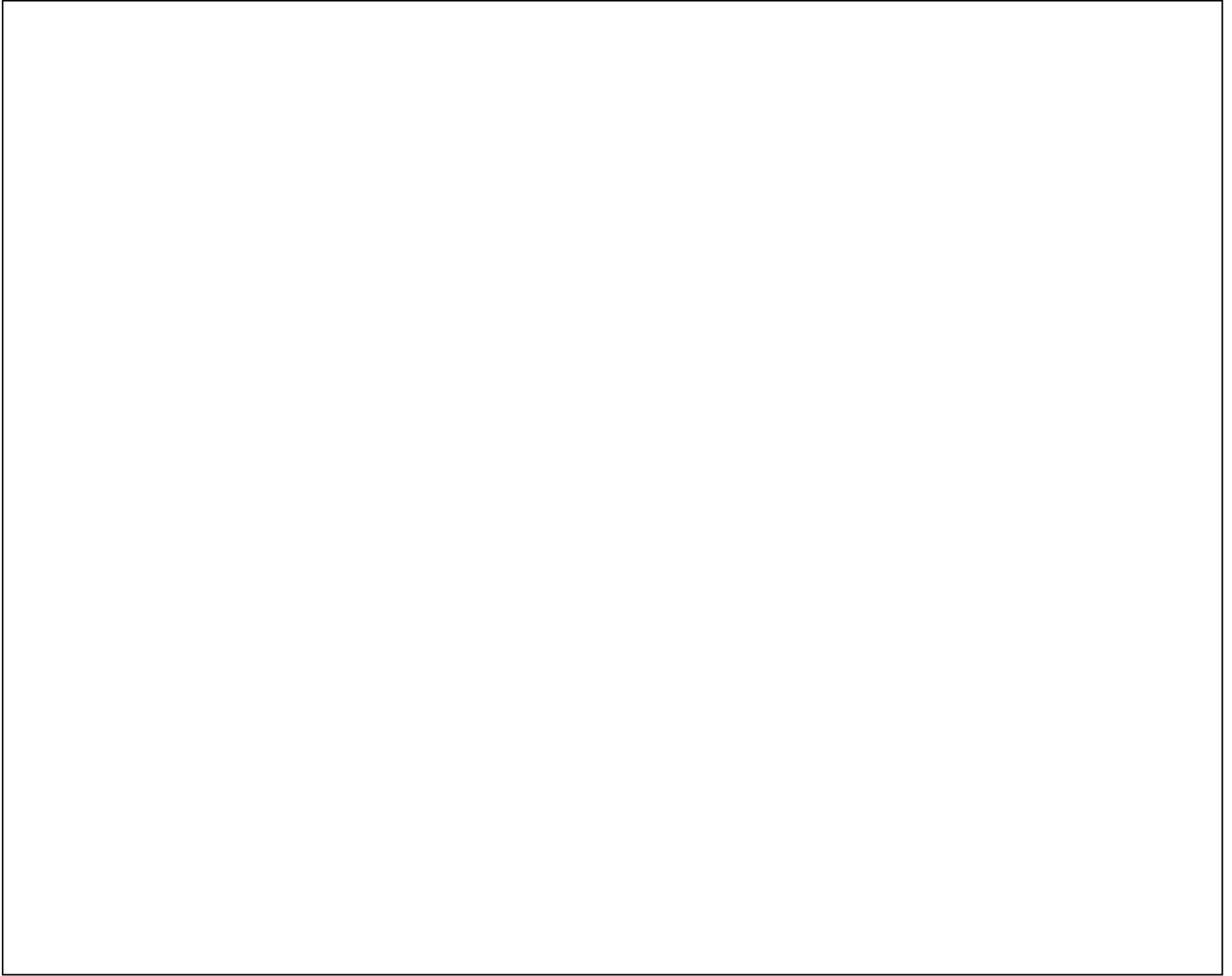
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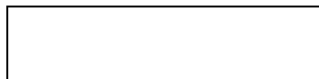
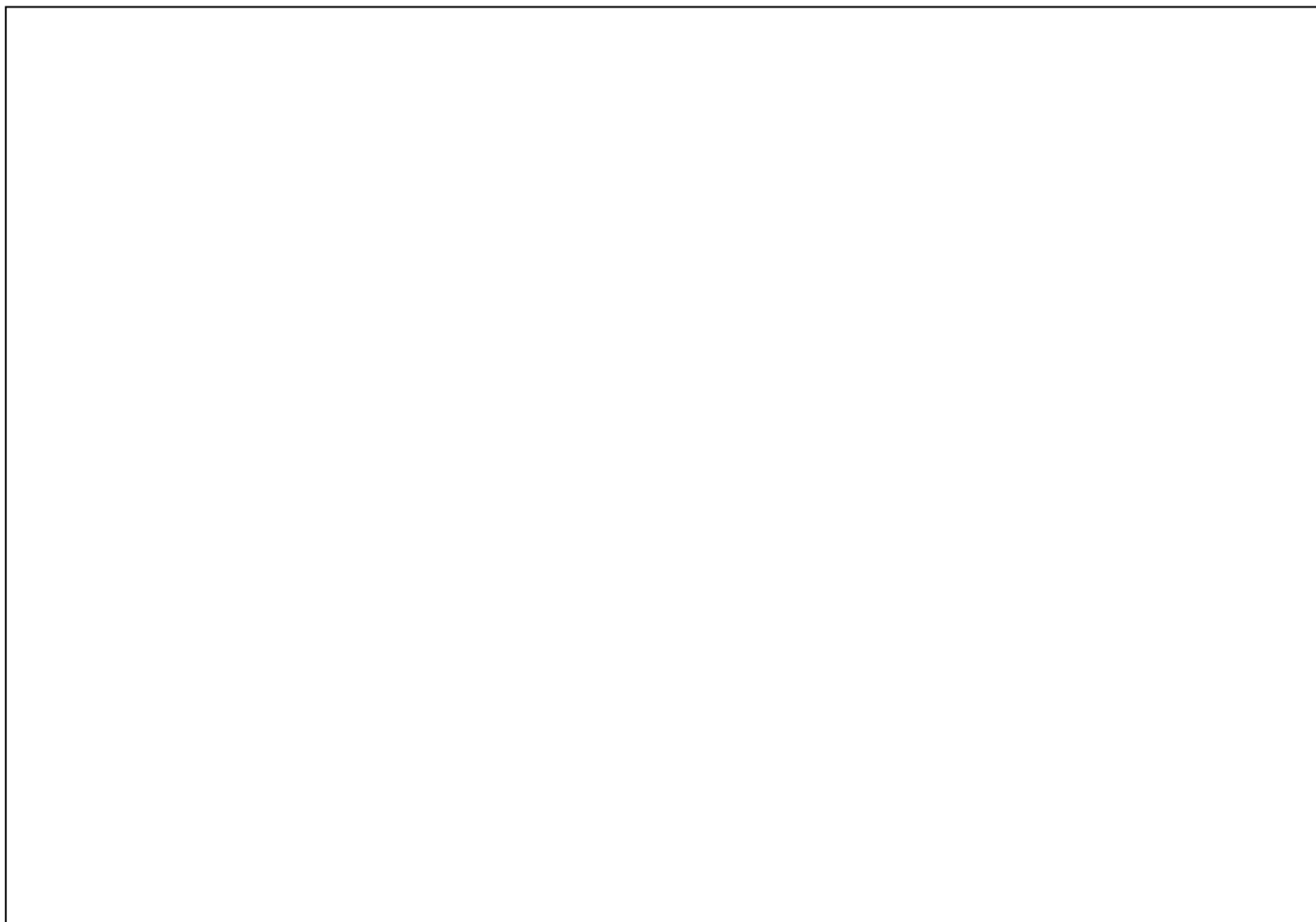
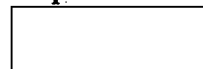


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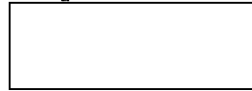


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Nuclear-Weapons-Related Developments



Russia Plans Ambitious Nuclear Test Program. The Russian Security Council in April approved a nuclear test program at Novaya Zemlya more extensive than the one conducted last year and plans to spend "far more money" on the experiments, according to the press. One of several probable objectives of the tests is the development of low-yield warheads that could be used on high-precision tactical weapons systems; this activity would be consistent with Russia's increasing reliance on nuclear weapons to deter conventional as well as nuclear aggression, especially given the widespread perception of a heightened threat from NATO. 