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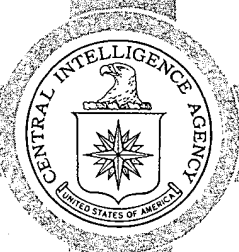
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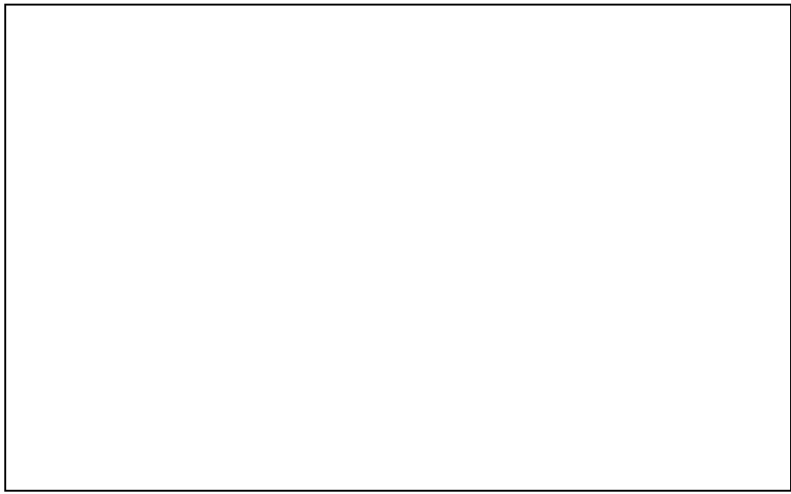
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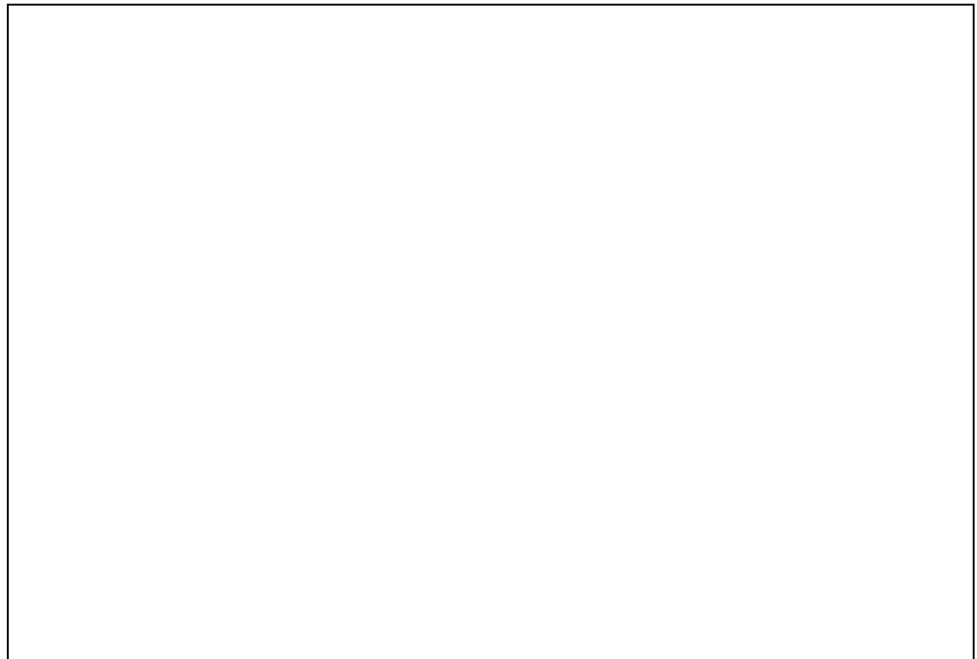
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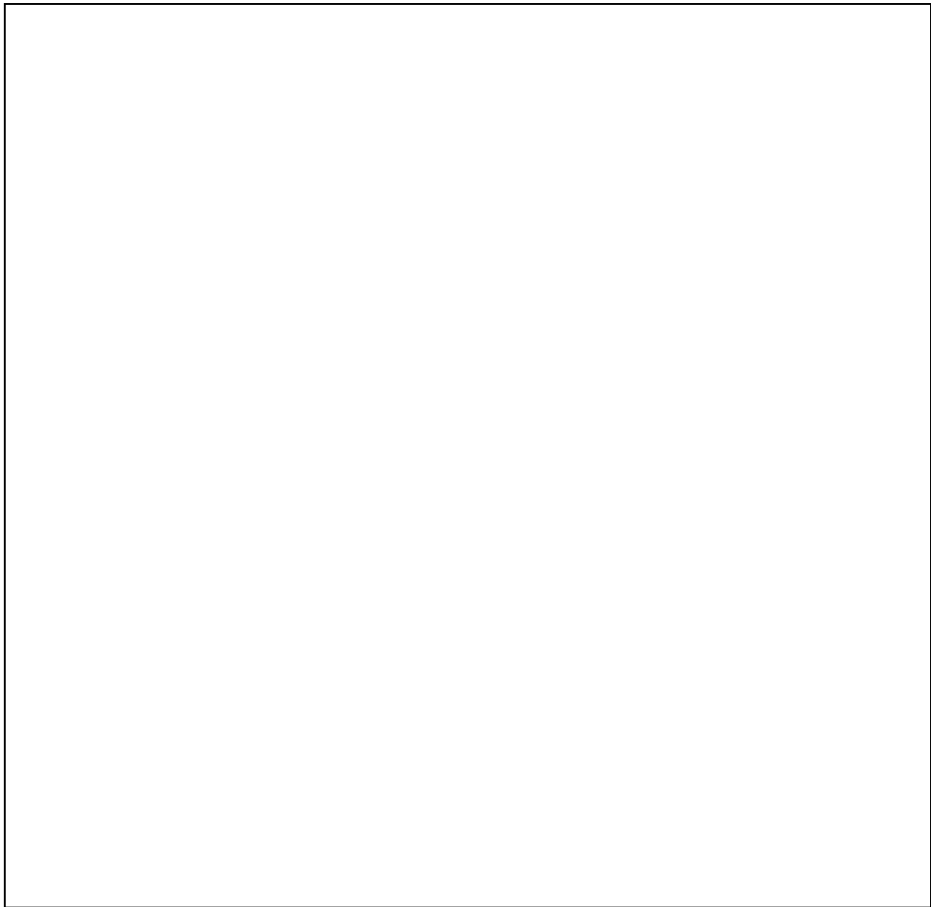
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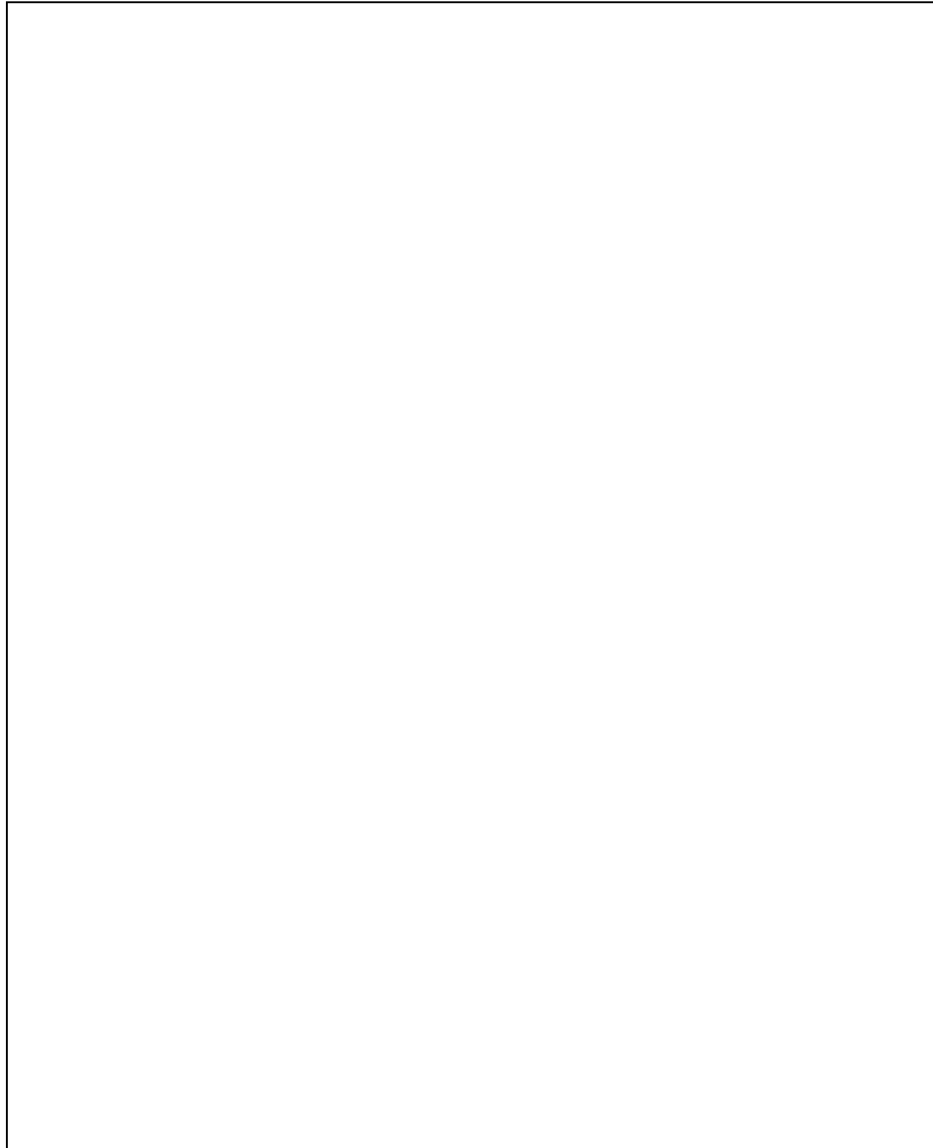
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# THE FRENCH CHEMICAL WARFARE PROGRAM

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## SUMMARY

The French CW program was initiated in 1917 and has remained a part of the French armed forces since that time. The stated interests of the program, at least since 1960, have probably been in establishing an adequate defense against CW weapons, principally the organophosphorus nerve agents.

France still abides by the Geneva Convention of 1925 in that CW agents will be used offensively only in reprisal to their use by an enemy on France or her allies.

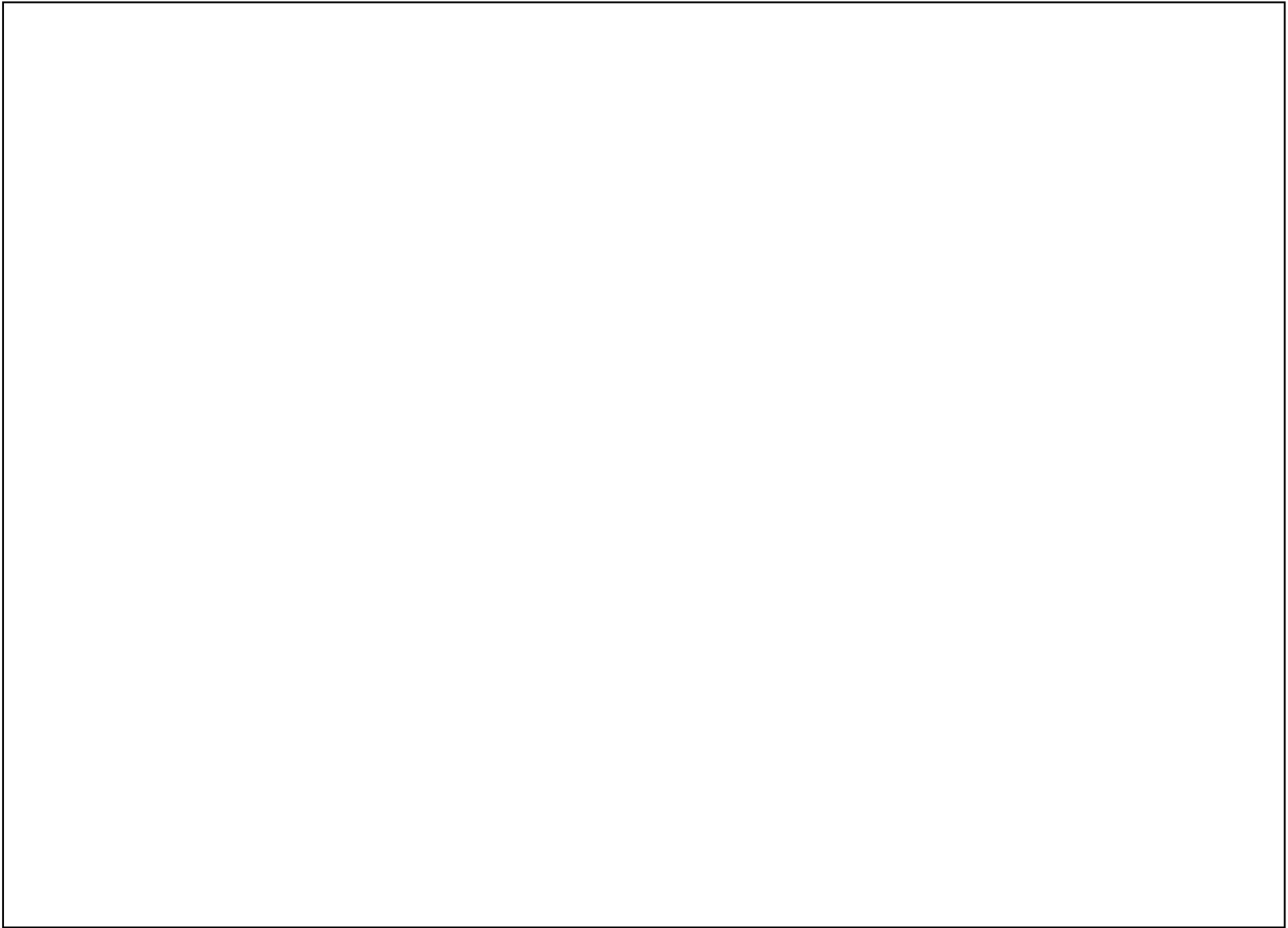
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The principal organizations responsible for France's CW research and development program are the Army Chemical and Biological Group (GACB) and the Center of Studies of Le Bouchet. Le Bouchet is an all-service organization, while the GACB is a group of the Technical Section of the Army, which also serves the Navy and Air Force.

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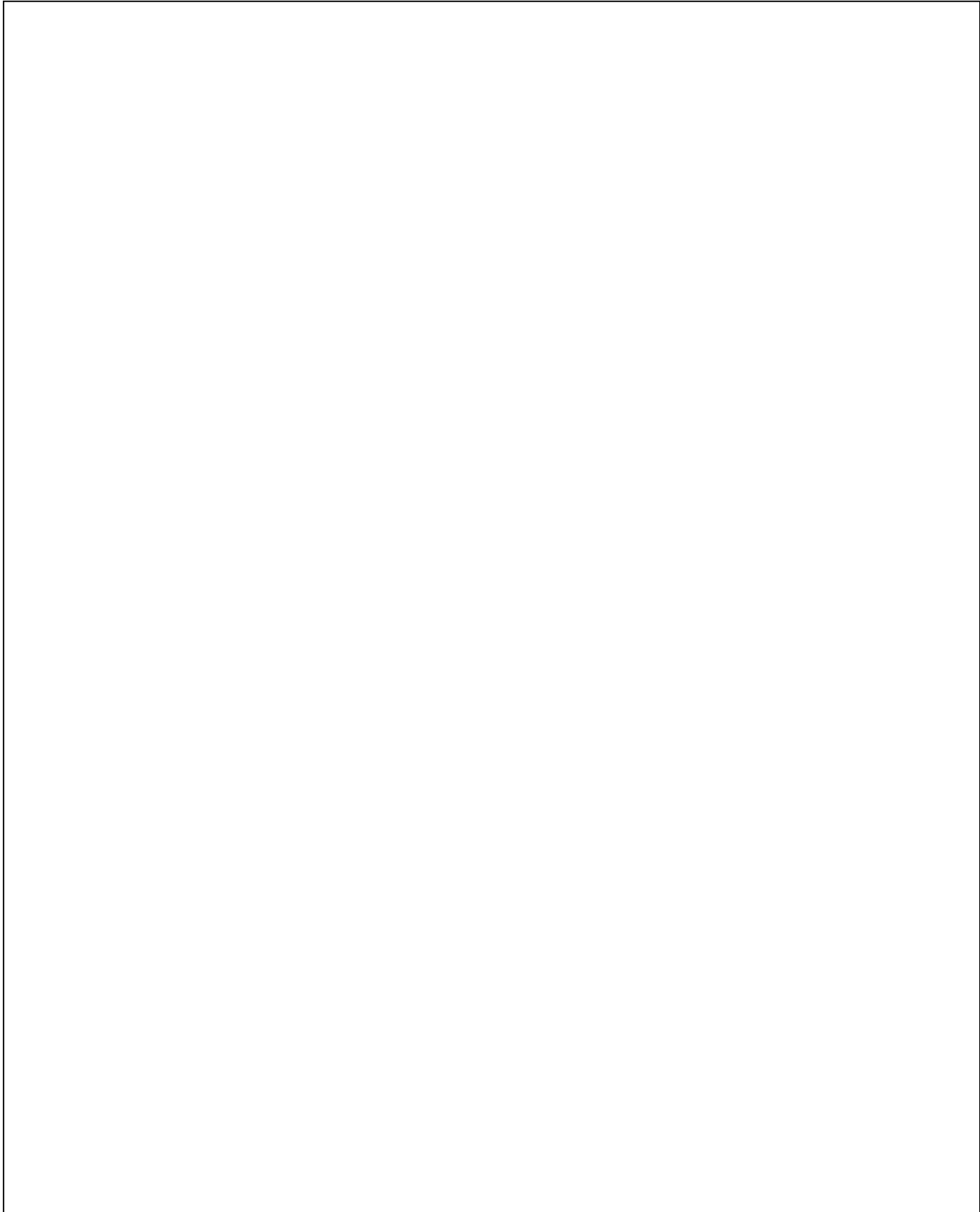
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The French chemical warfare program developed rapidly from its inception in World War I to become an effective part of the French Army during that war. Although the French maintained a CW program from after World War I until the German occupation in 1940, it only represented a token effort of the entire French military program. After World War II, the French re-established a CW program that has continued to the present.



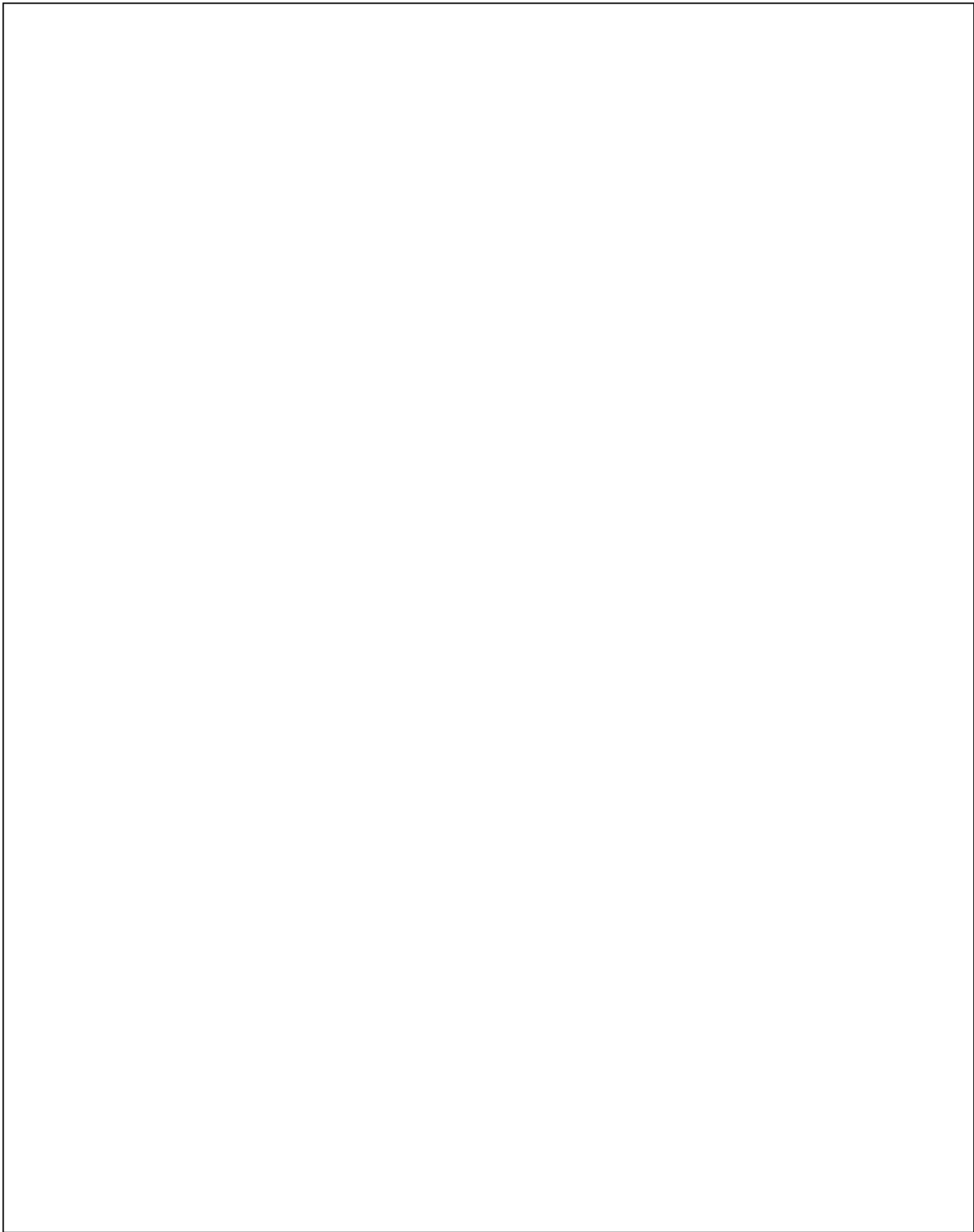
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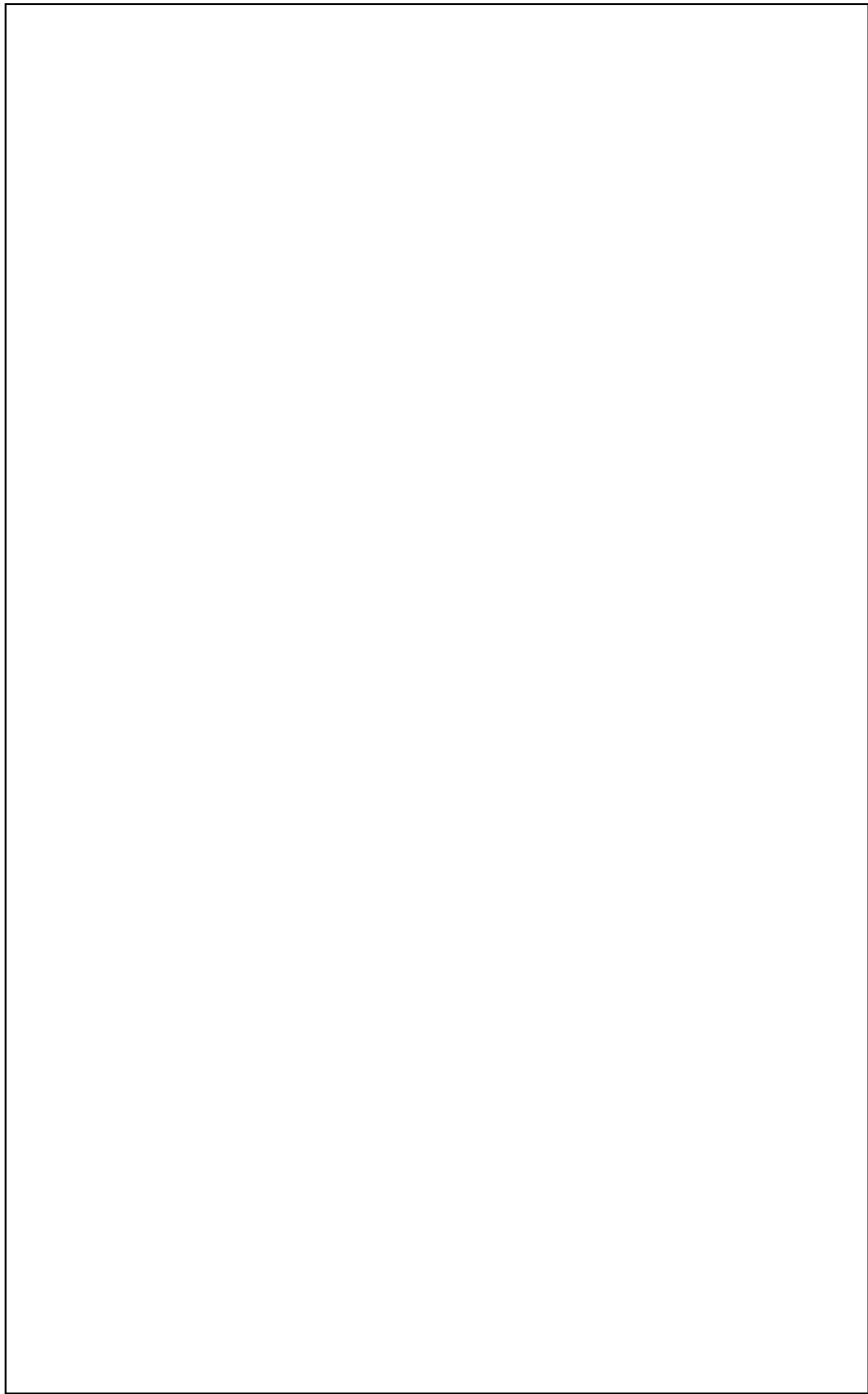


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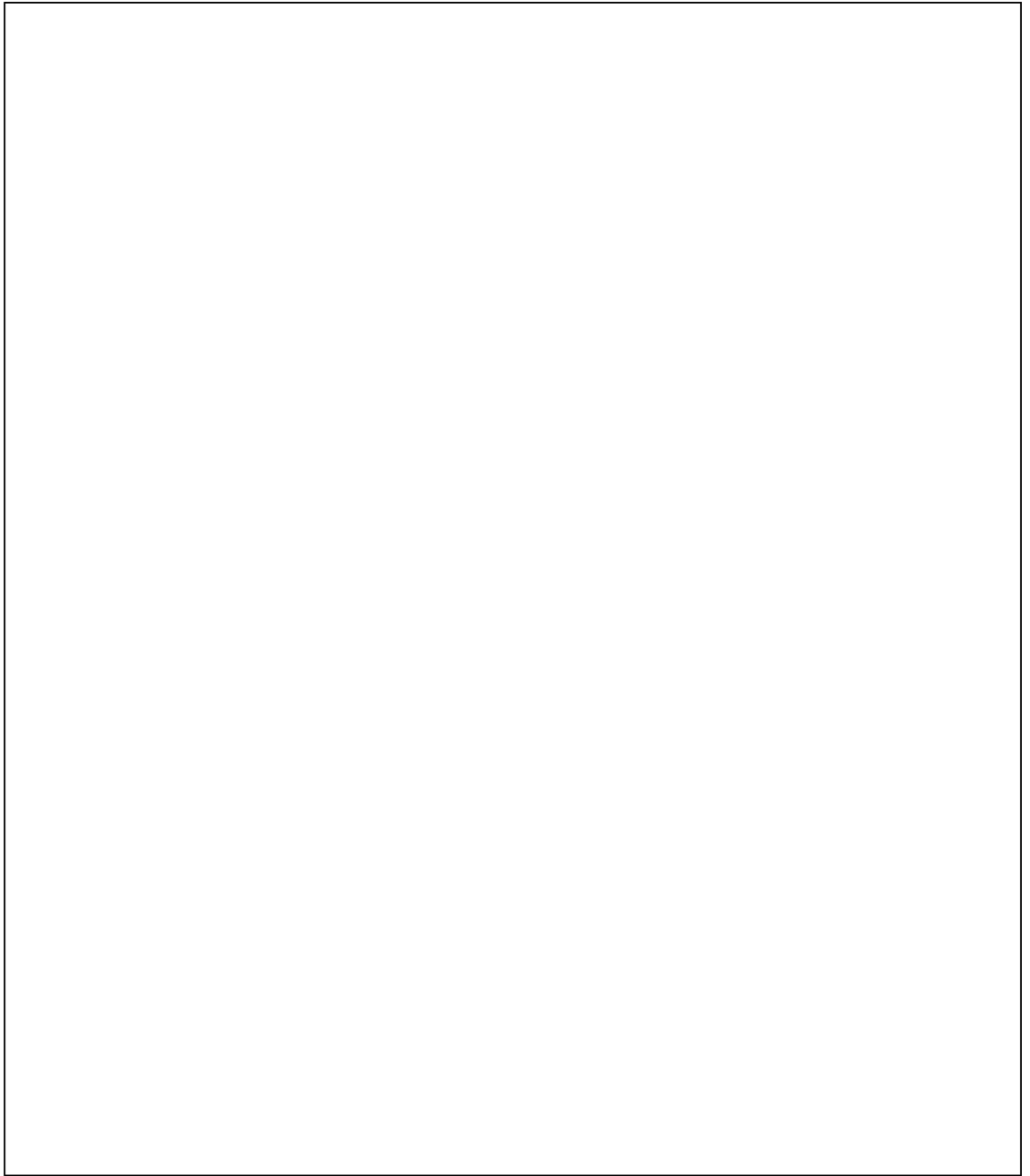
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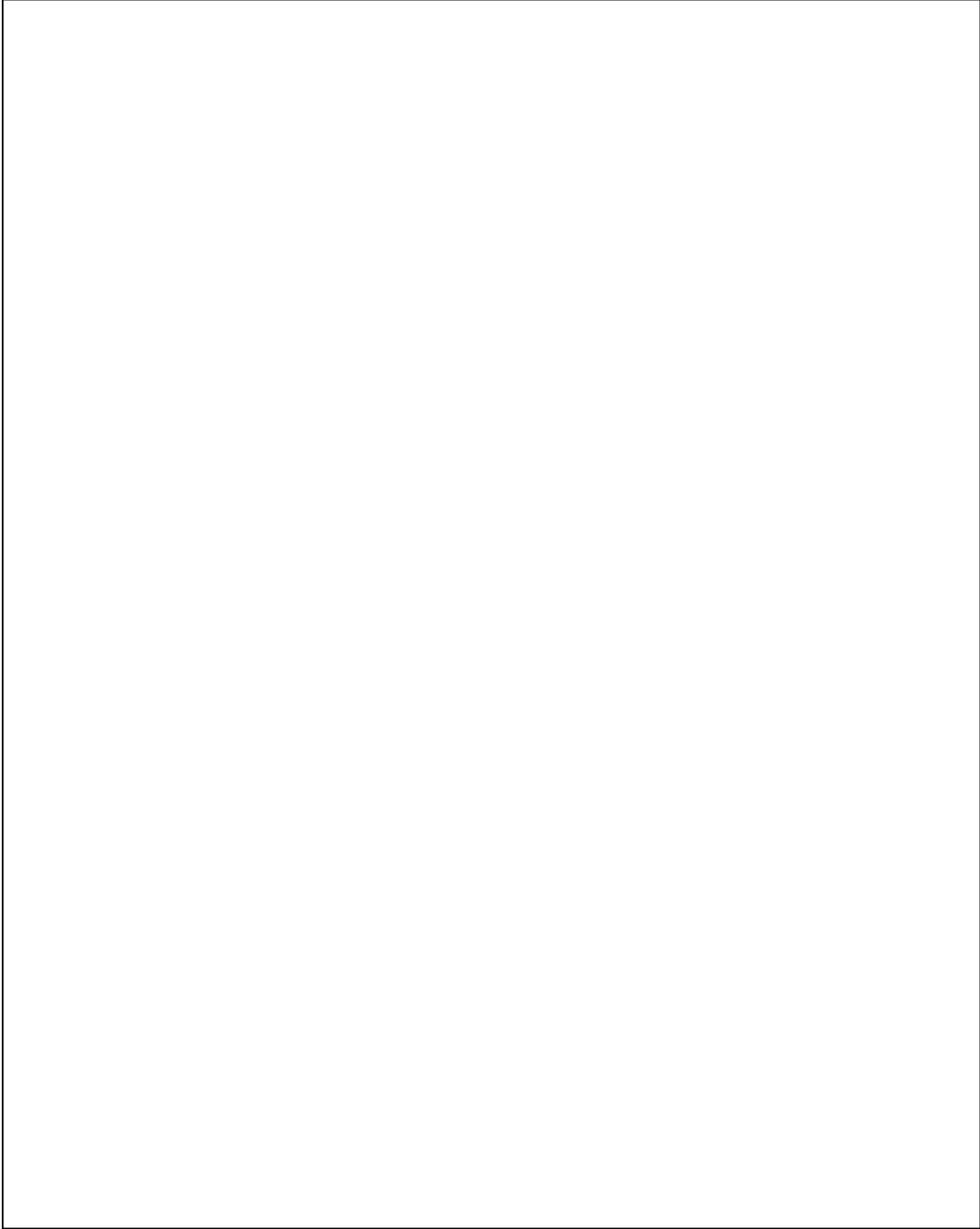


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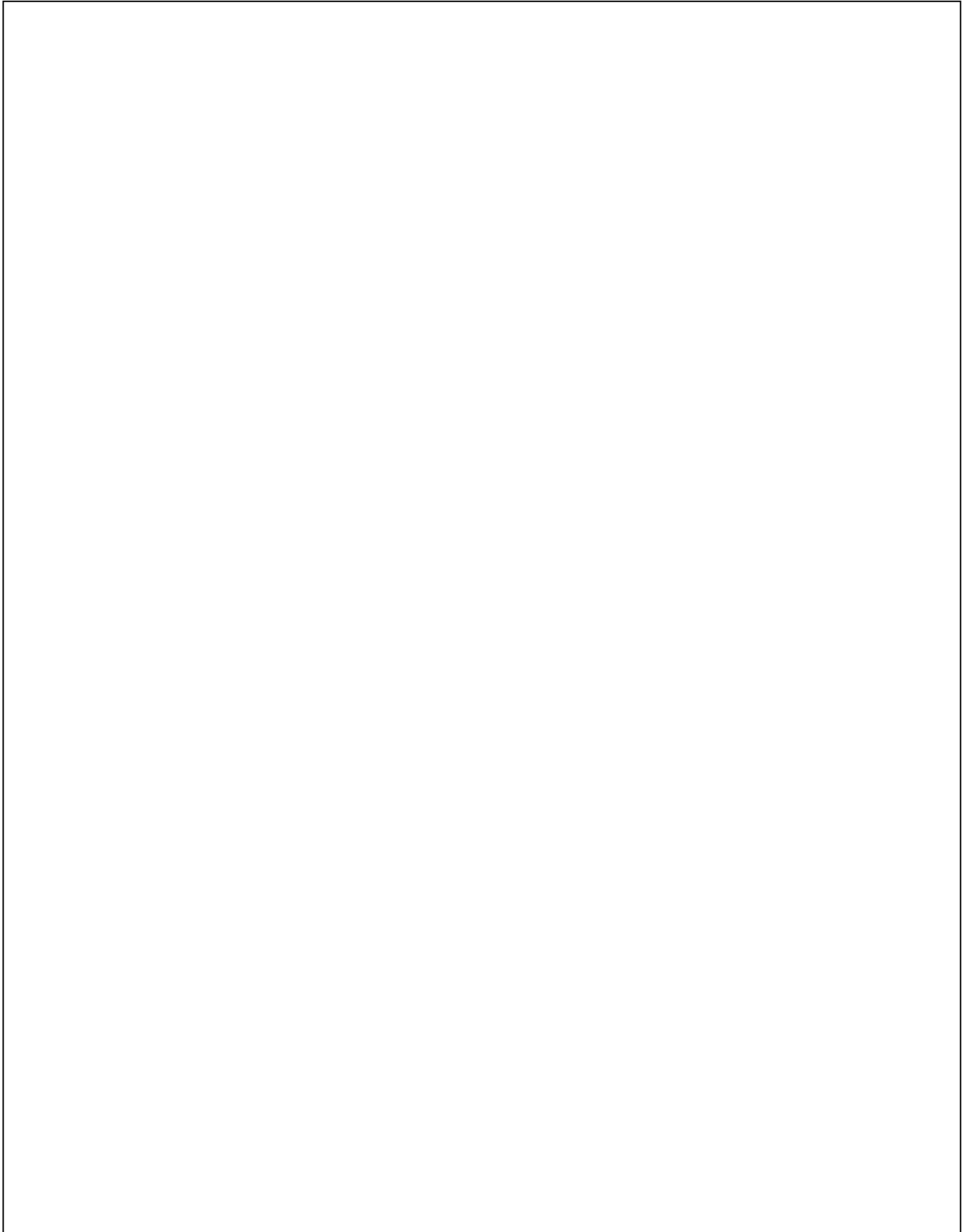
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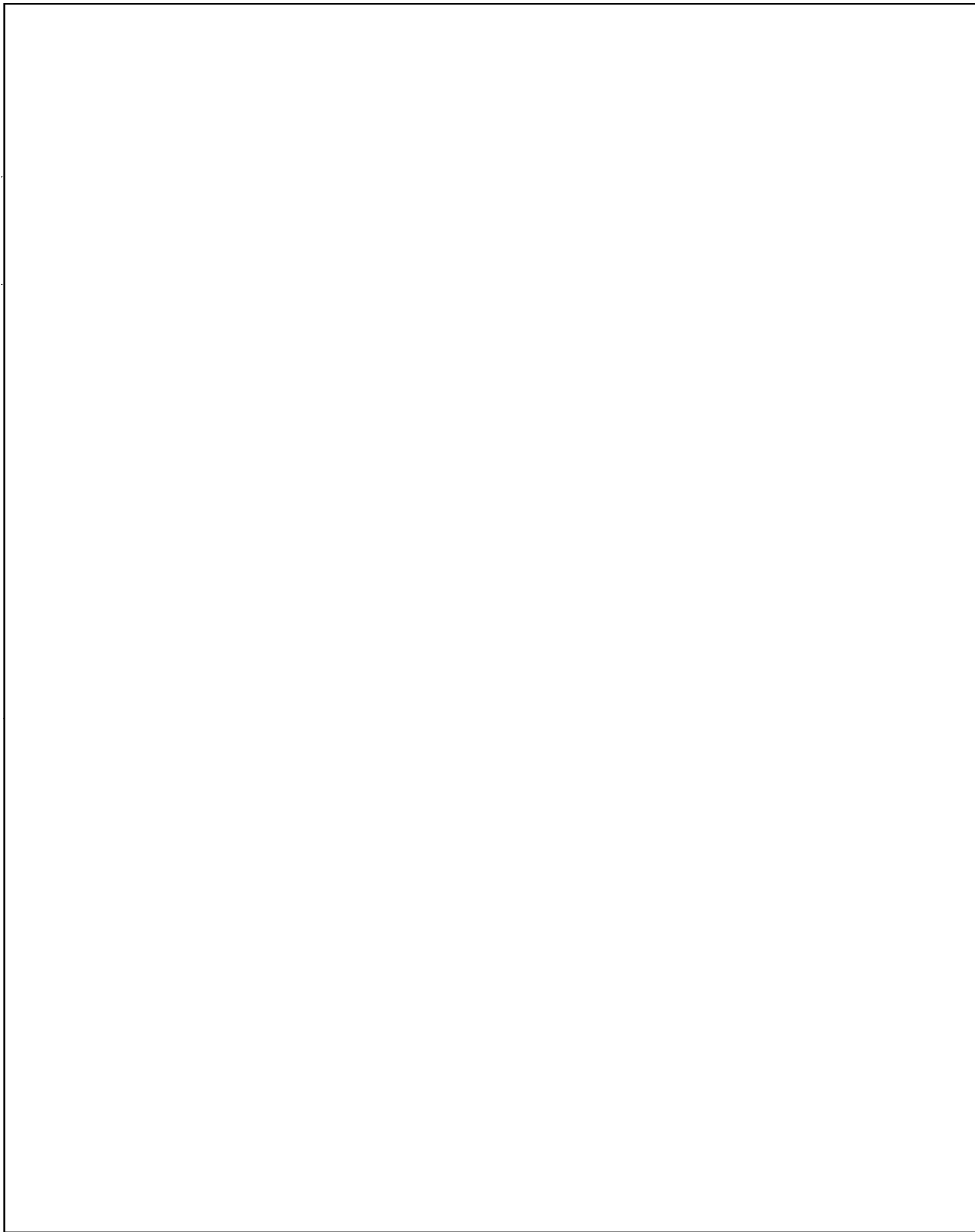


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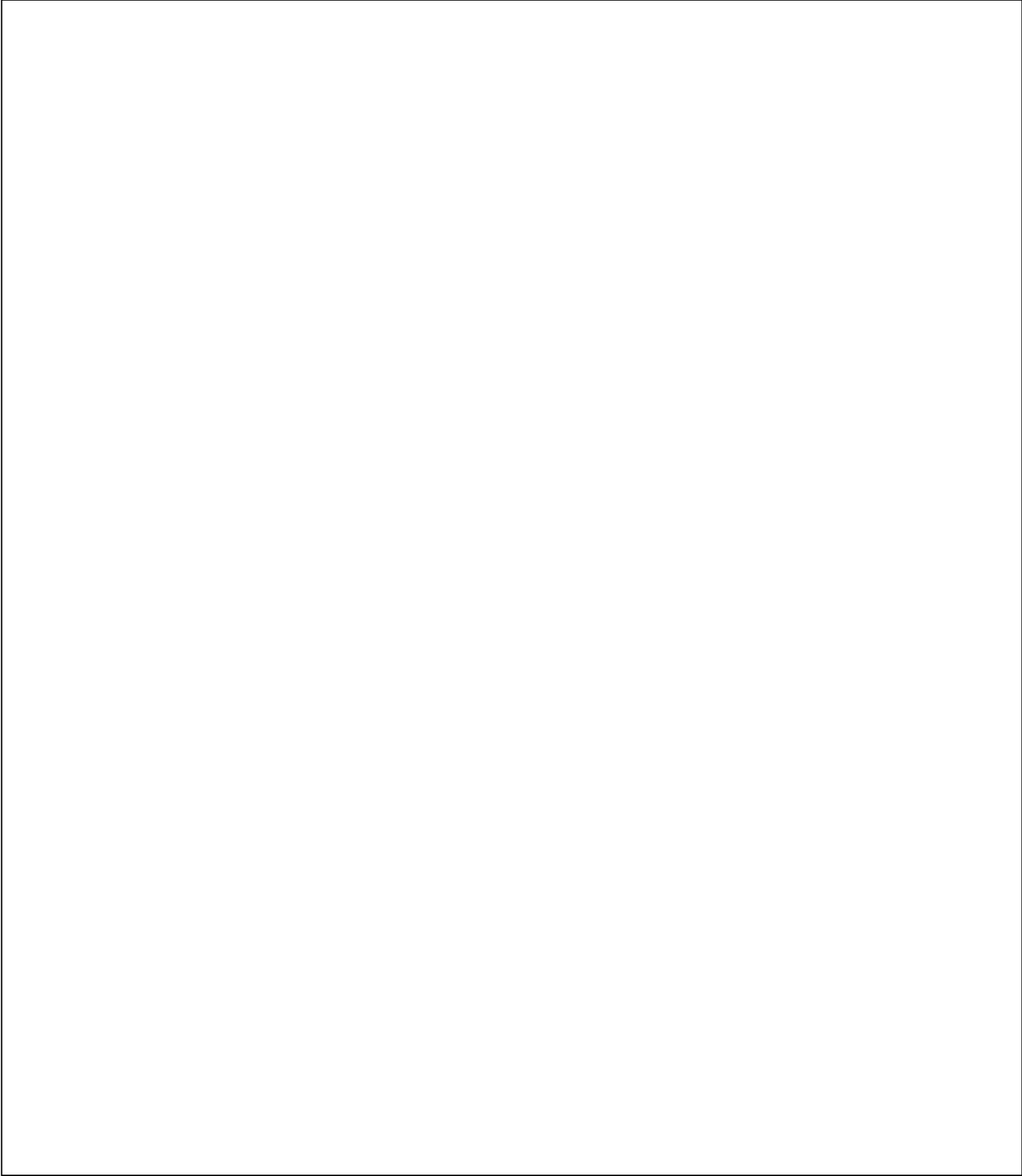


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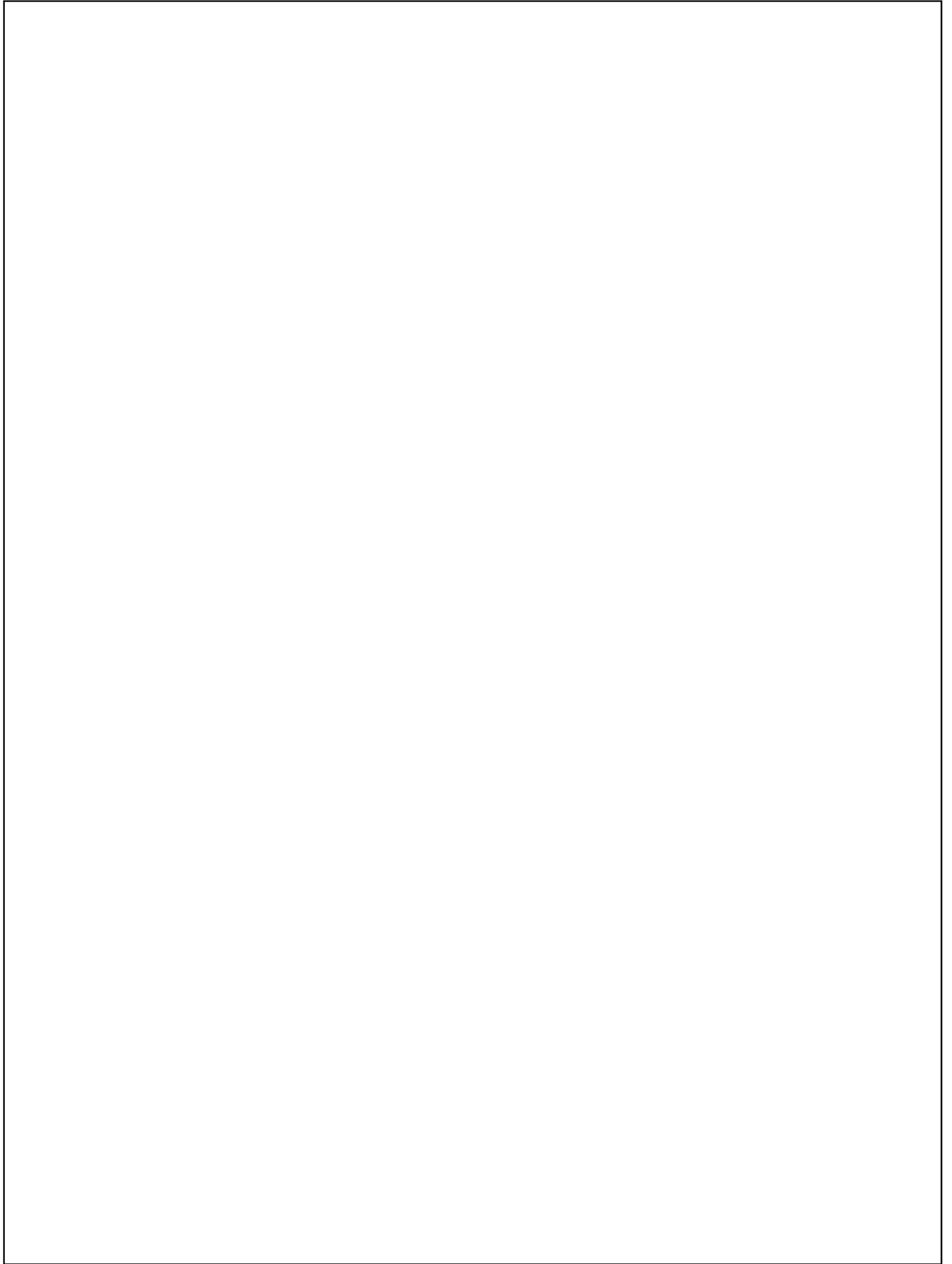
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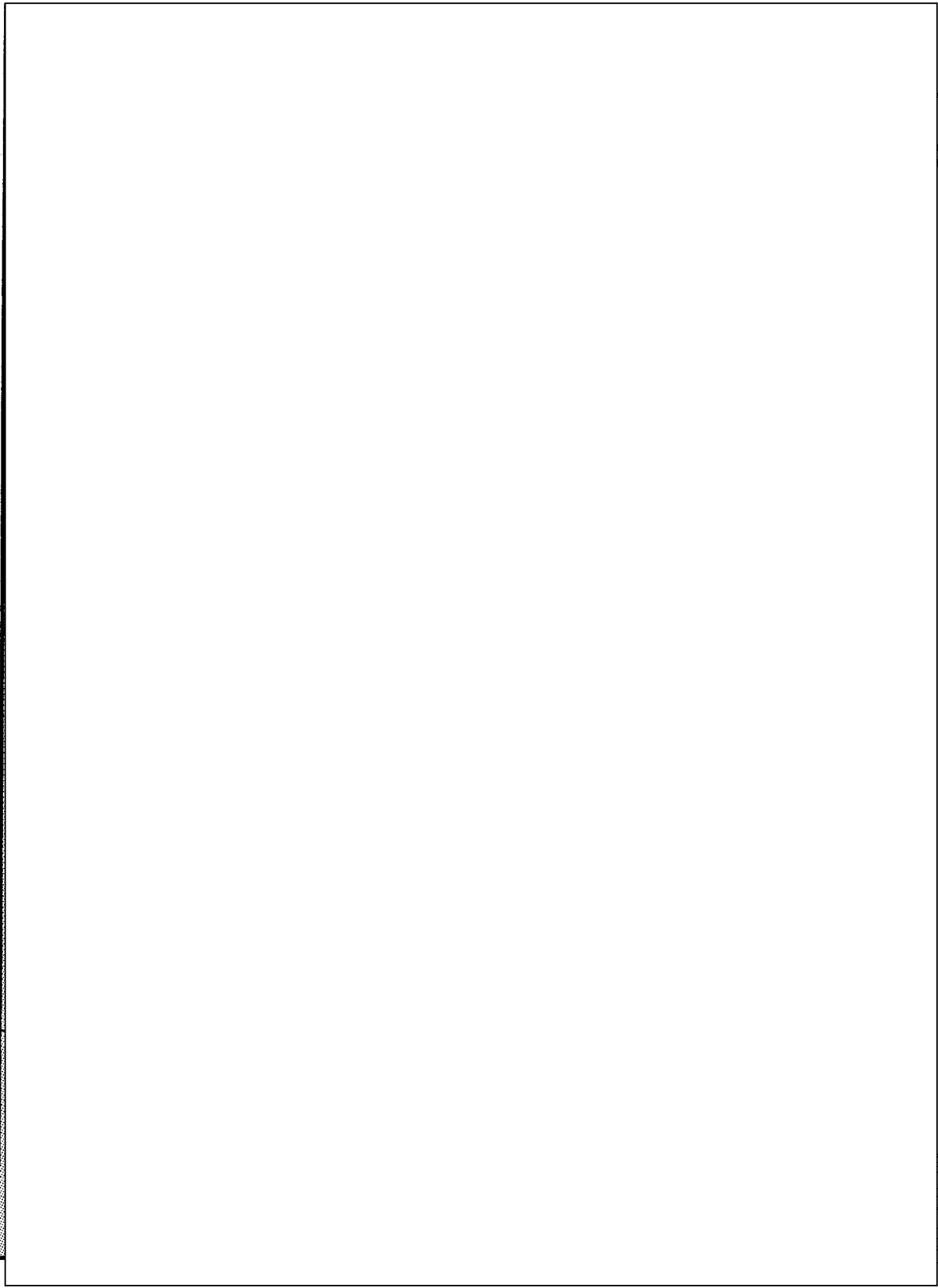
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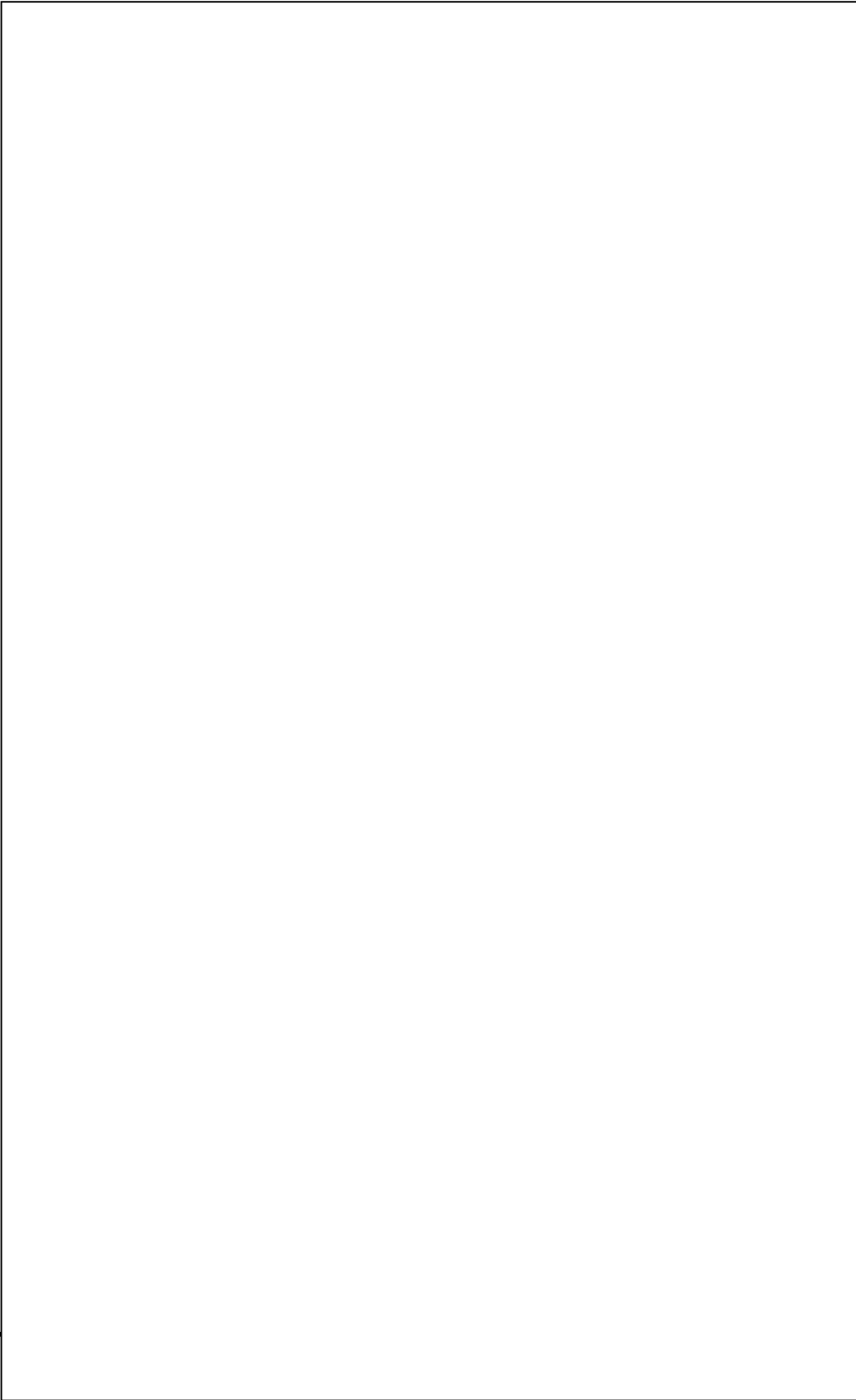
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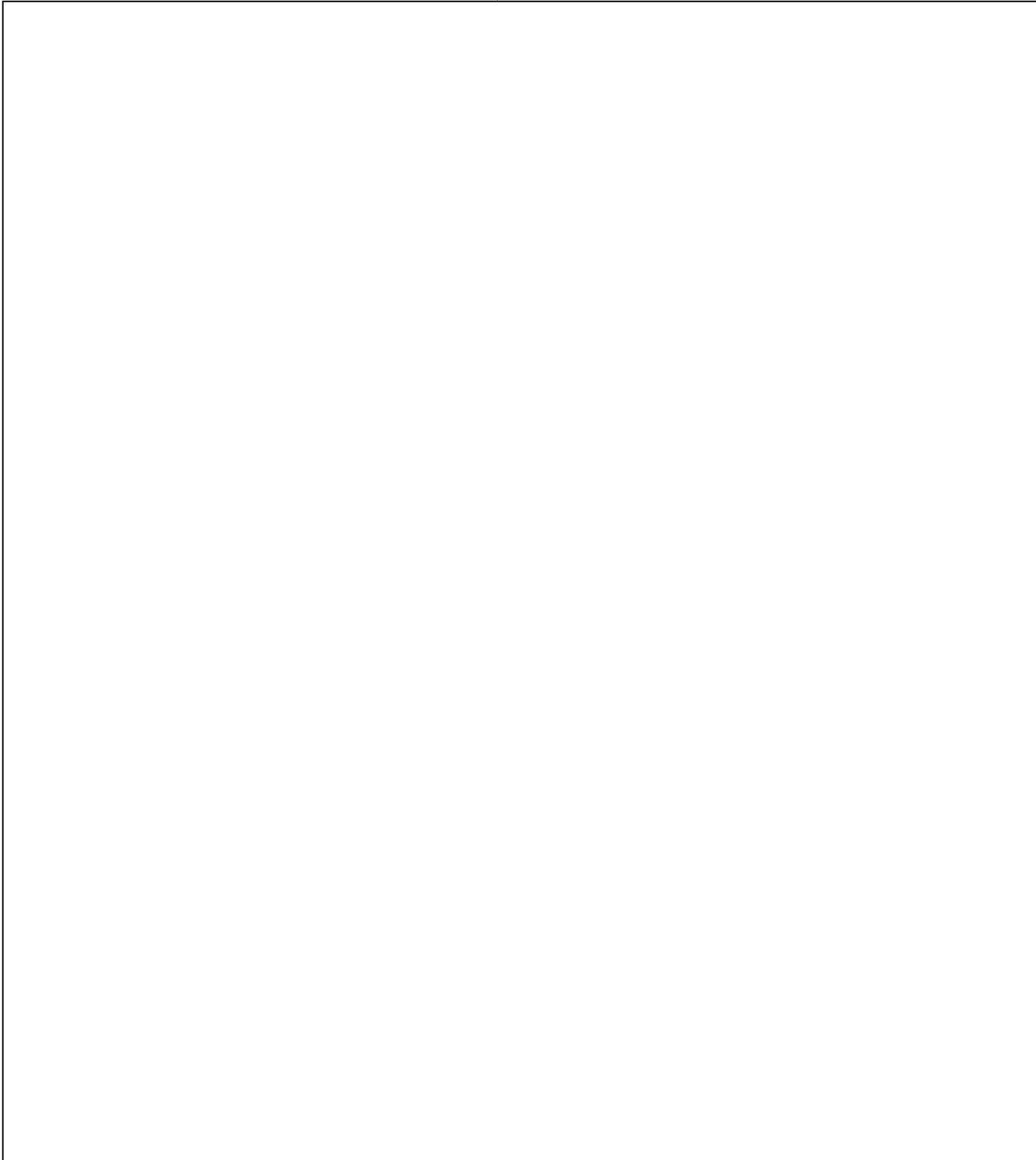


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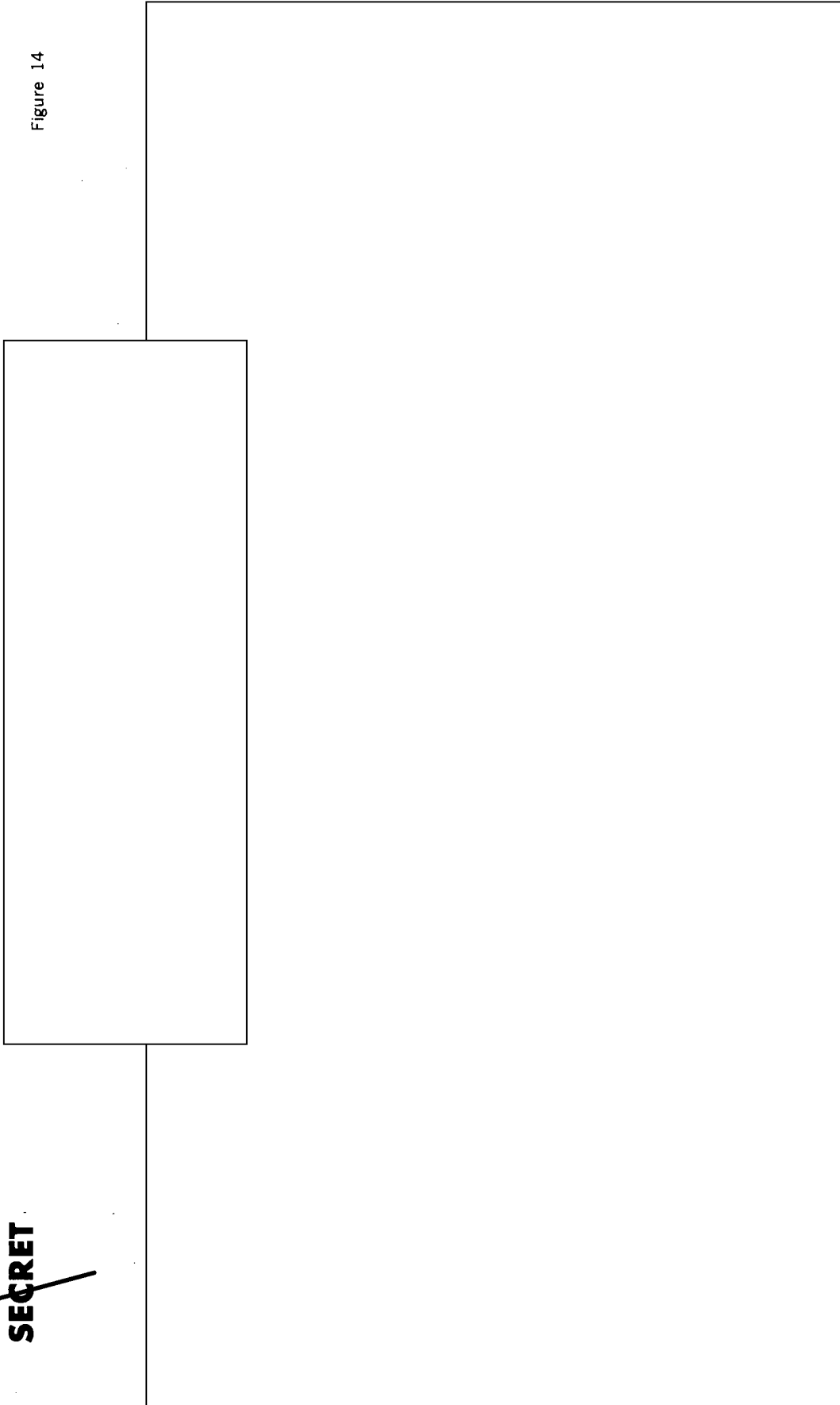
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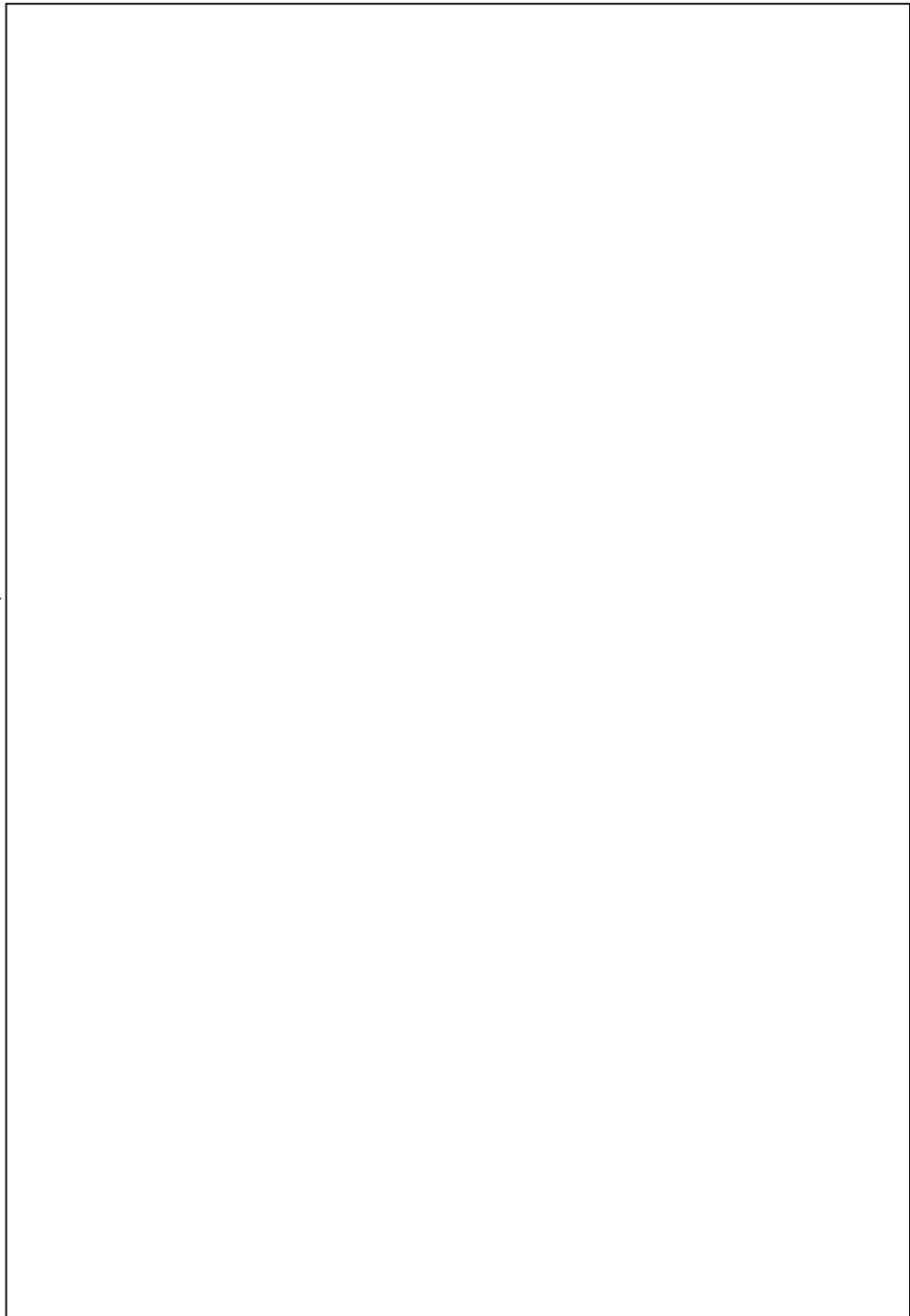


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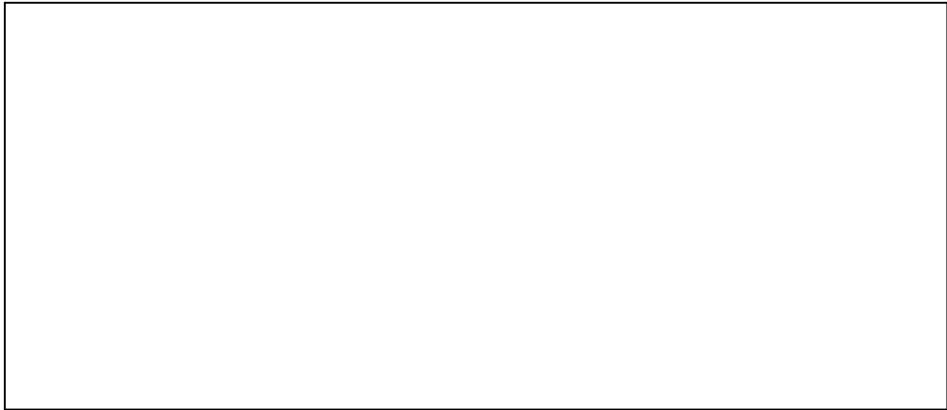
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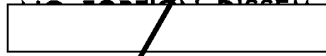
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