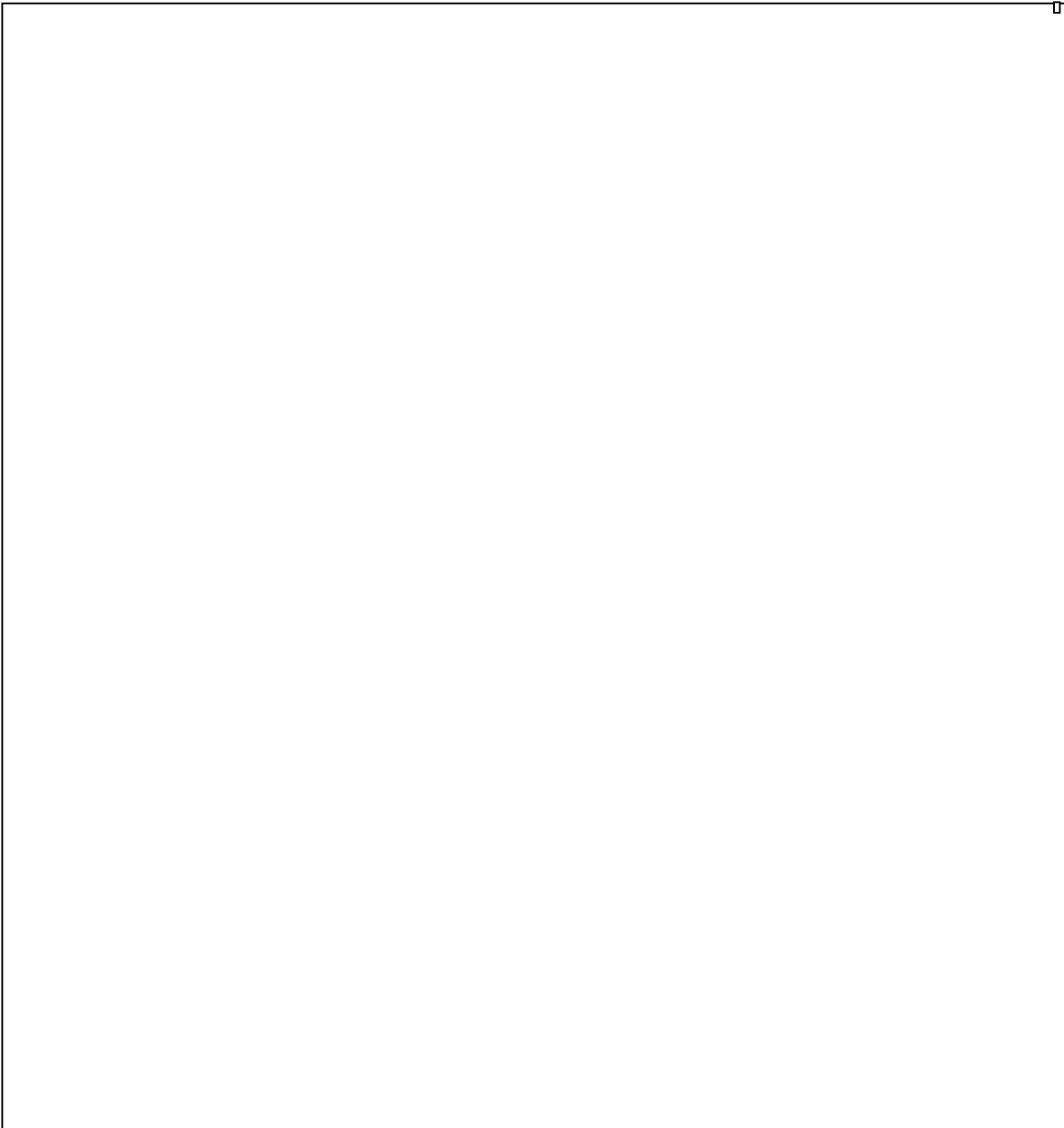


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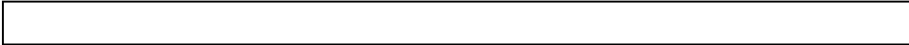
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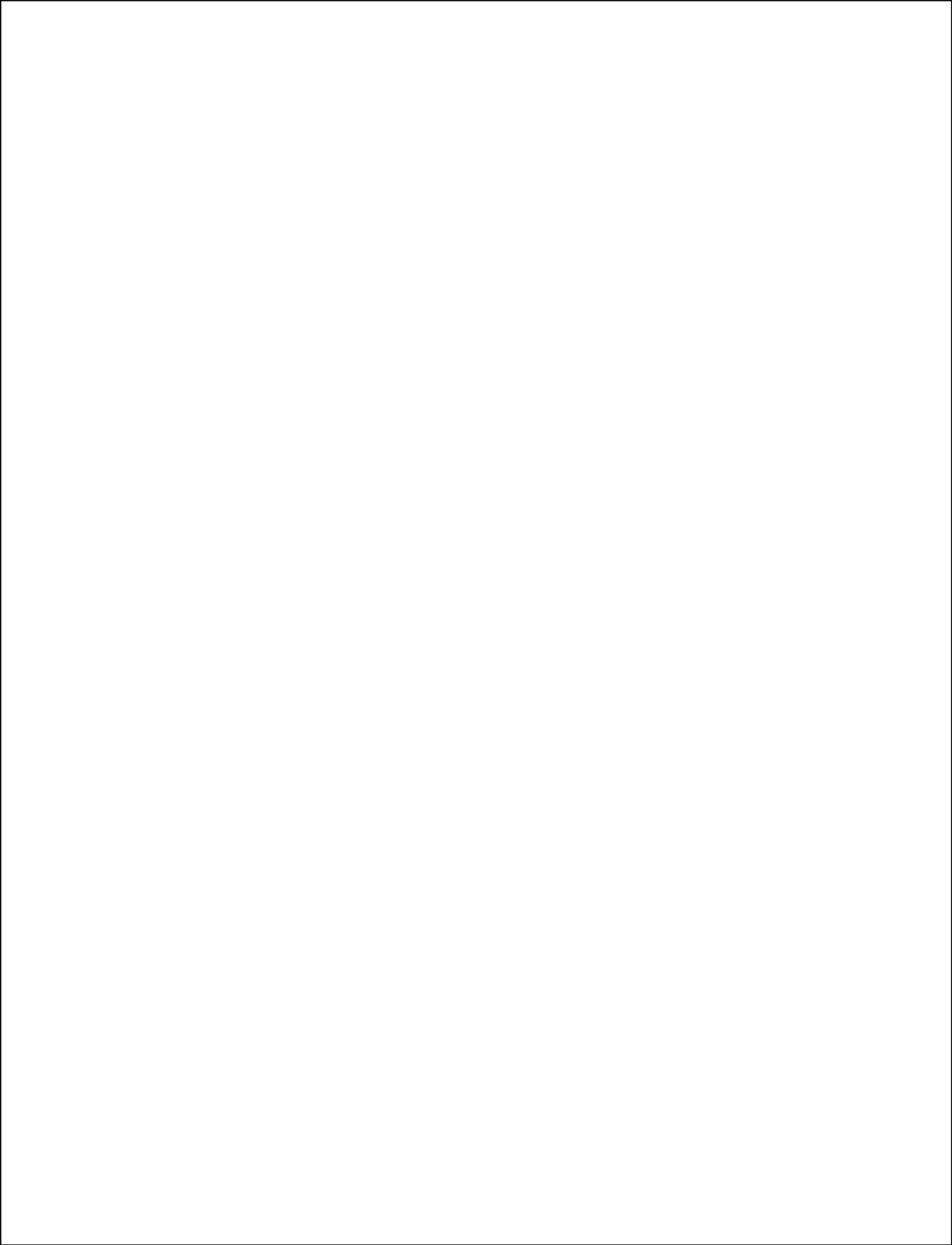
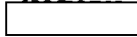
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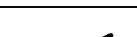
LOCAL PRESS REPORTING, A CAR BOMB EXPLODED IN MEDELLIN, WOUNDING SIX INDIVIDUALS, AT APPROXIMATELY 1410 HOURS LOCAL ON 16 NOVEMBER 1999.



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3. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTING, AUTHORITIES (NFI) HAVE NOTED THAT THE VEHICLE USED IN THE MEDELLIN BOMBING, A RED MAZDA, IS THE SAME MAKE AS THE CAR WHICH CAUSED EIGHT DEATHS AND MORE



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THAN 40 INJURIES WHEN IT EXPLODED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF BOGOTA ON 11 NOVEMBER. (RADIO CADENA NACIONAL BROADCAST OF 16 NOVEMBER.)

4. ON 14 NOVEMBER, UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS PLACED A FIVE KILOGRAM EXPLOSIVE DEVICE MADE OF SUPER-ANFO NEAR THE "EL TIEMPO" PRINTING PLANT IN CALI. WHILE SEVERAL HYPOTHESES HAVE CIRCULATED, TO DATE AUTHORITIES HAVE REFRAINED FROM IDENTIFYING THE POSSIBLE PERPETRATORS. ACCORDING TO ONE PRESS REPORT, AN UNKNOWN GROUP CALLING ITSELF "COLOMBIAN PATRIOTIC RESISTANCE" (RPC) CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK. A COMMUNIQUE SENT BY THE GROUP THREATENED THE MEDIA AND COMMERCIAL CENTERS IN DEFENSE OF STREET VENDORS AND FIRMS THAT BUY OUT OR MOVE INTO STORES THAT HAVE CLOSED. OTHER SUPPOSED RPC TARGETS INCLUDED THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY COLOMBIAN EXTRADITED, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS. ANOTHER PRESS PIECE REPORTS THAT ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLS INDICATED THAT THE BOMBING WAS RETALIATION BY THE FARC BECAUSE OF A REPORT "EL TIEMPO" PUBLISHED ON 14 NOVEMBER REGARDING THE GUERRILLAS' SIEGE OF THE PETROLEUM ZONE. FINALLY, THE NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (ELN) IS ALSO IDENTIFIED AS POSSIBLY RESPONSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE CAPTURE OF GUSTAVO ((VILLAMIL)) ORTIZ, AKA "PETER," WHO, ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, WAS THE COMMANDER OF THE OMayRA MONTOYA HENAO COLUMN. (VARIOUS PRESS REPORTS ON 15-16 NOVEMBER.)

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