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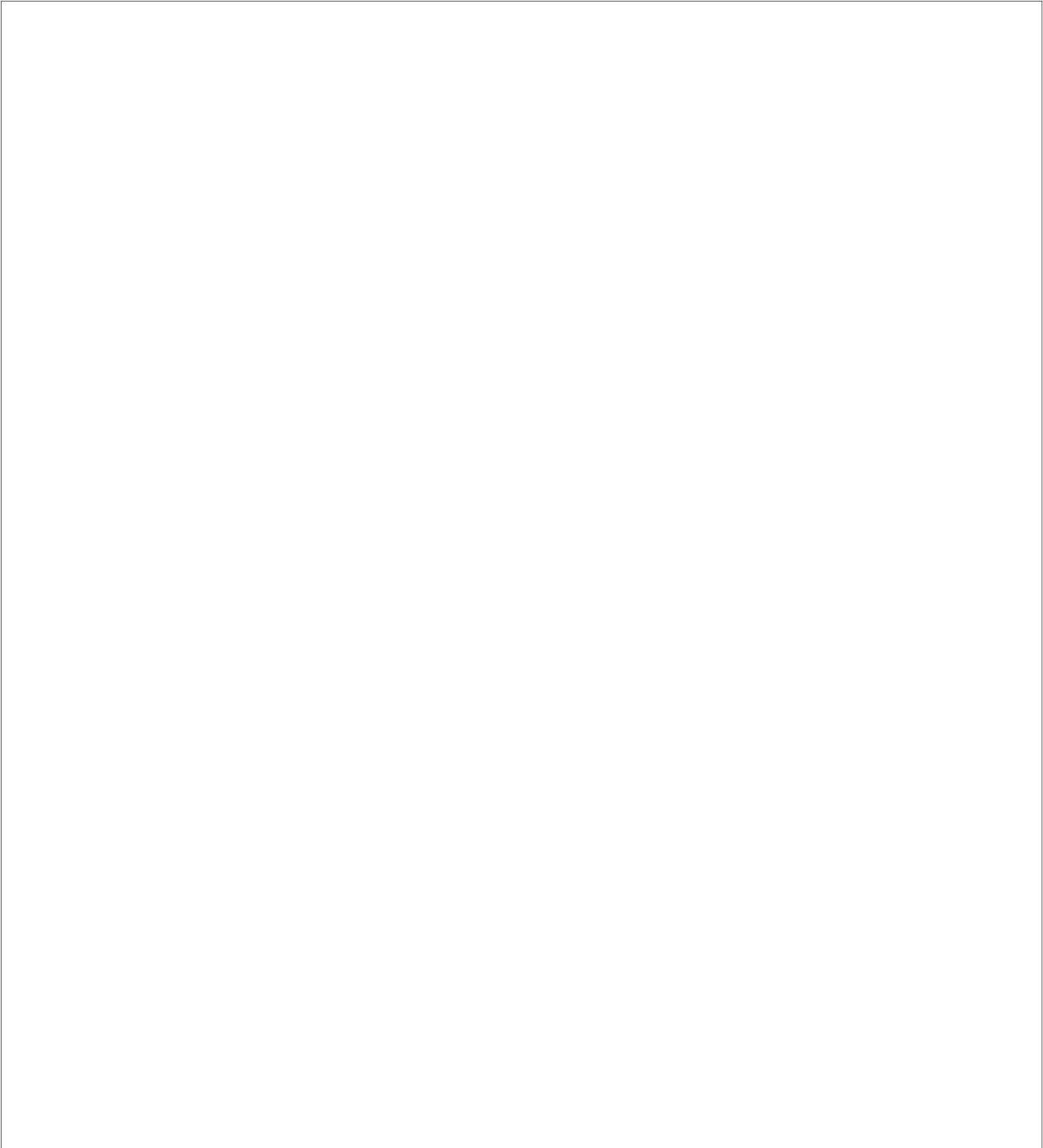


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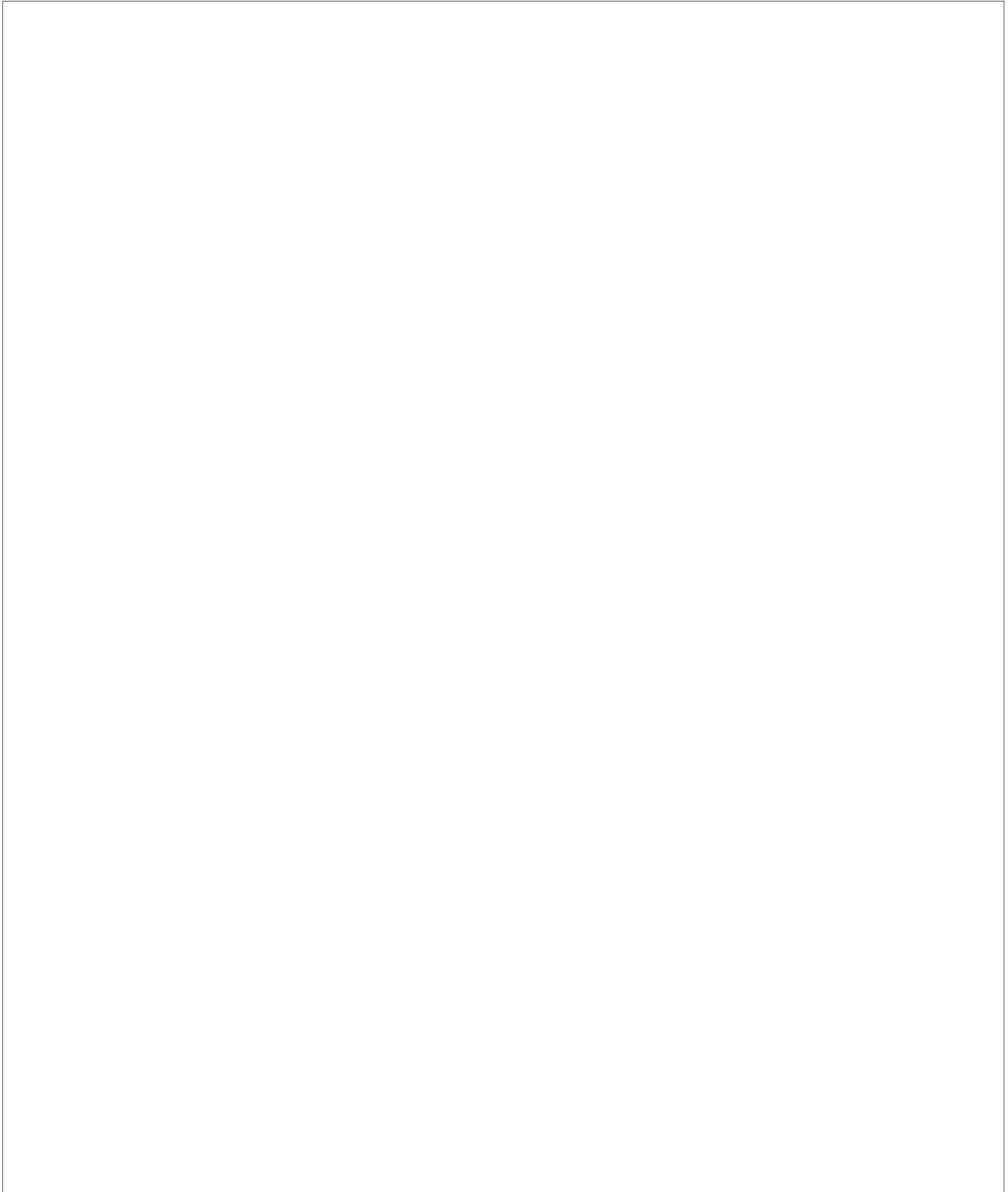
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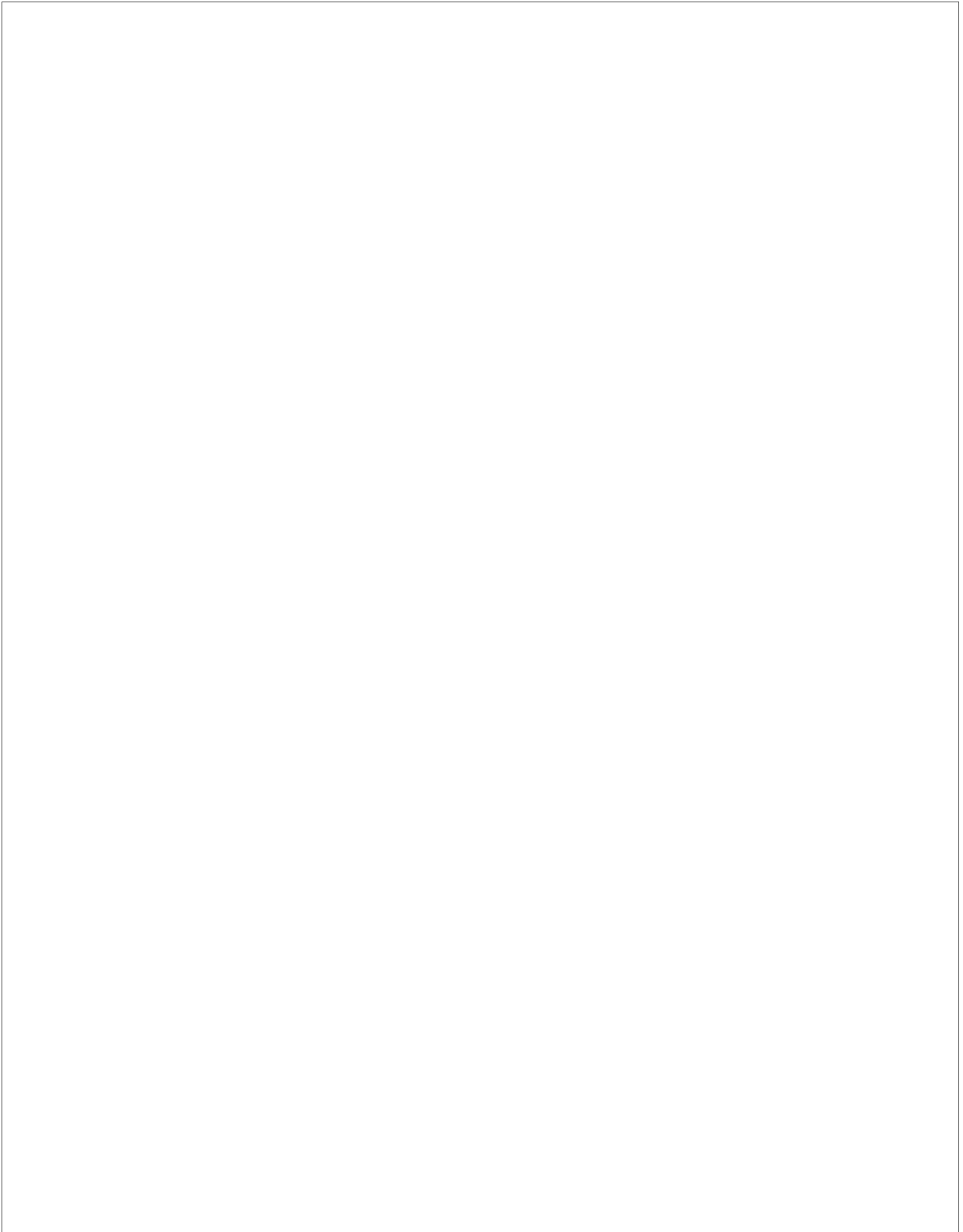
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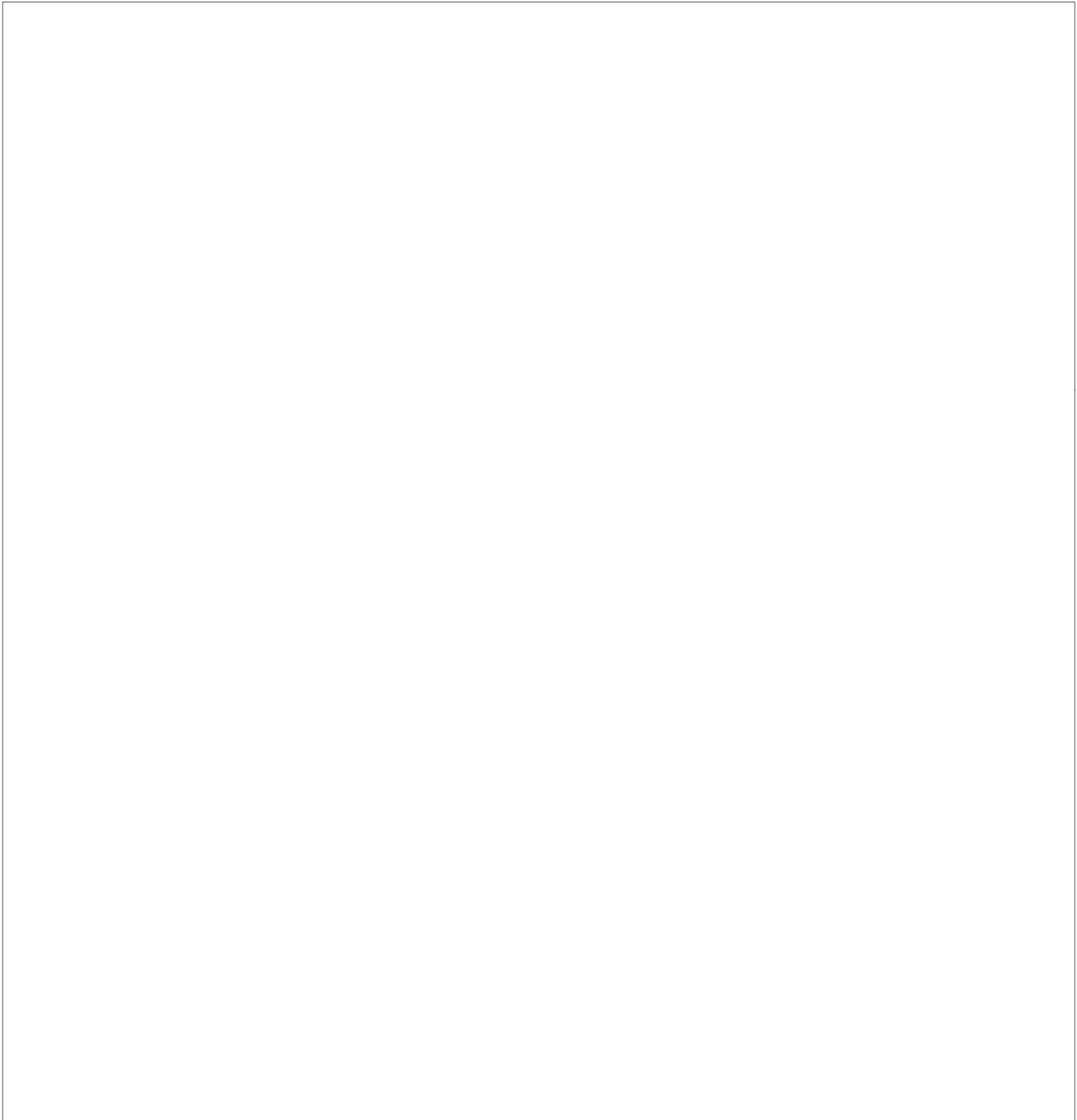


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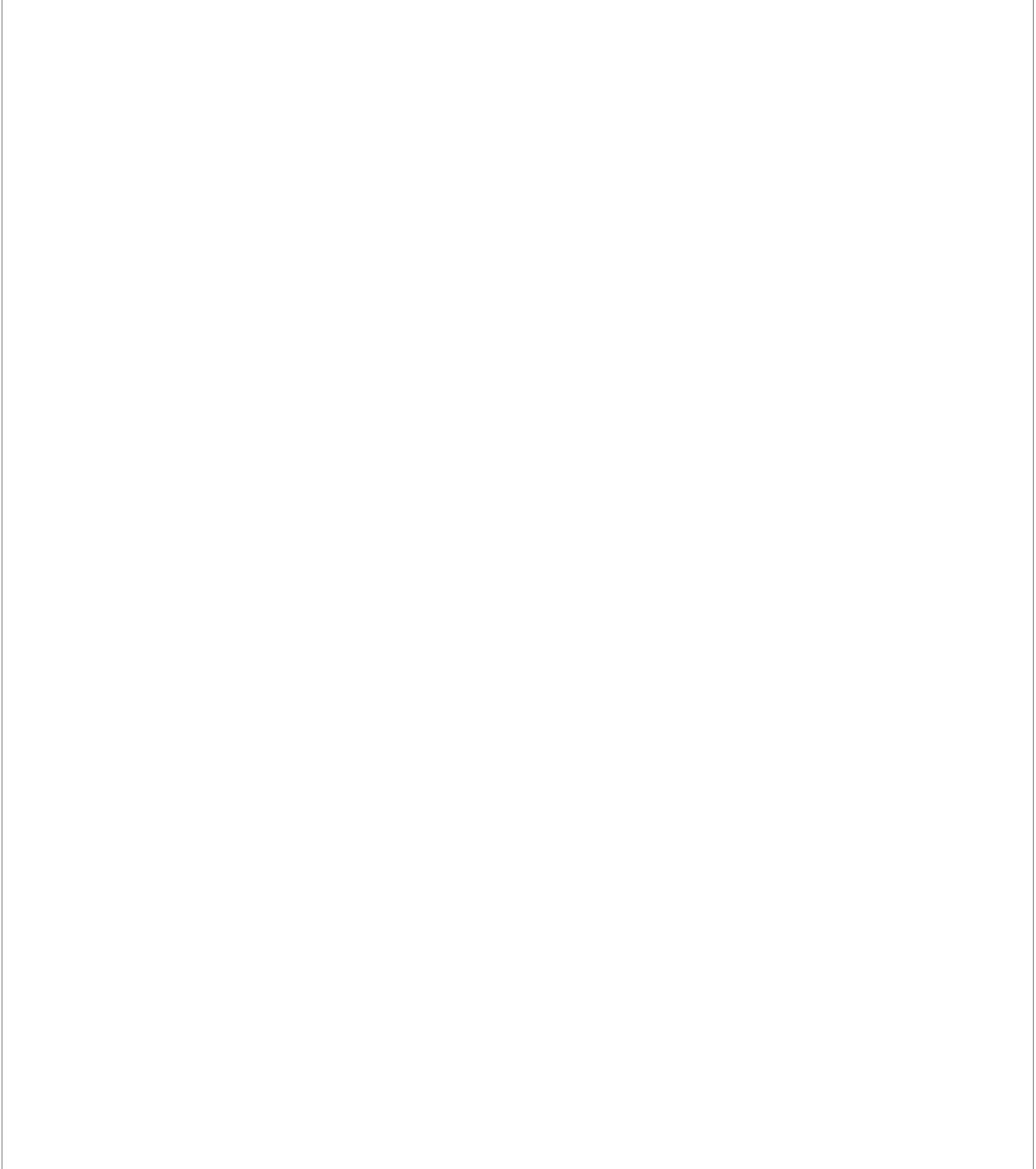
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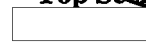
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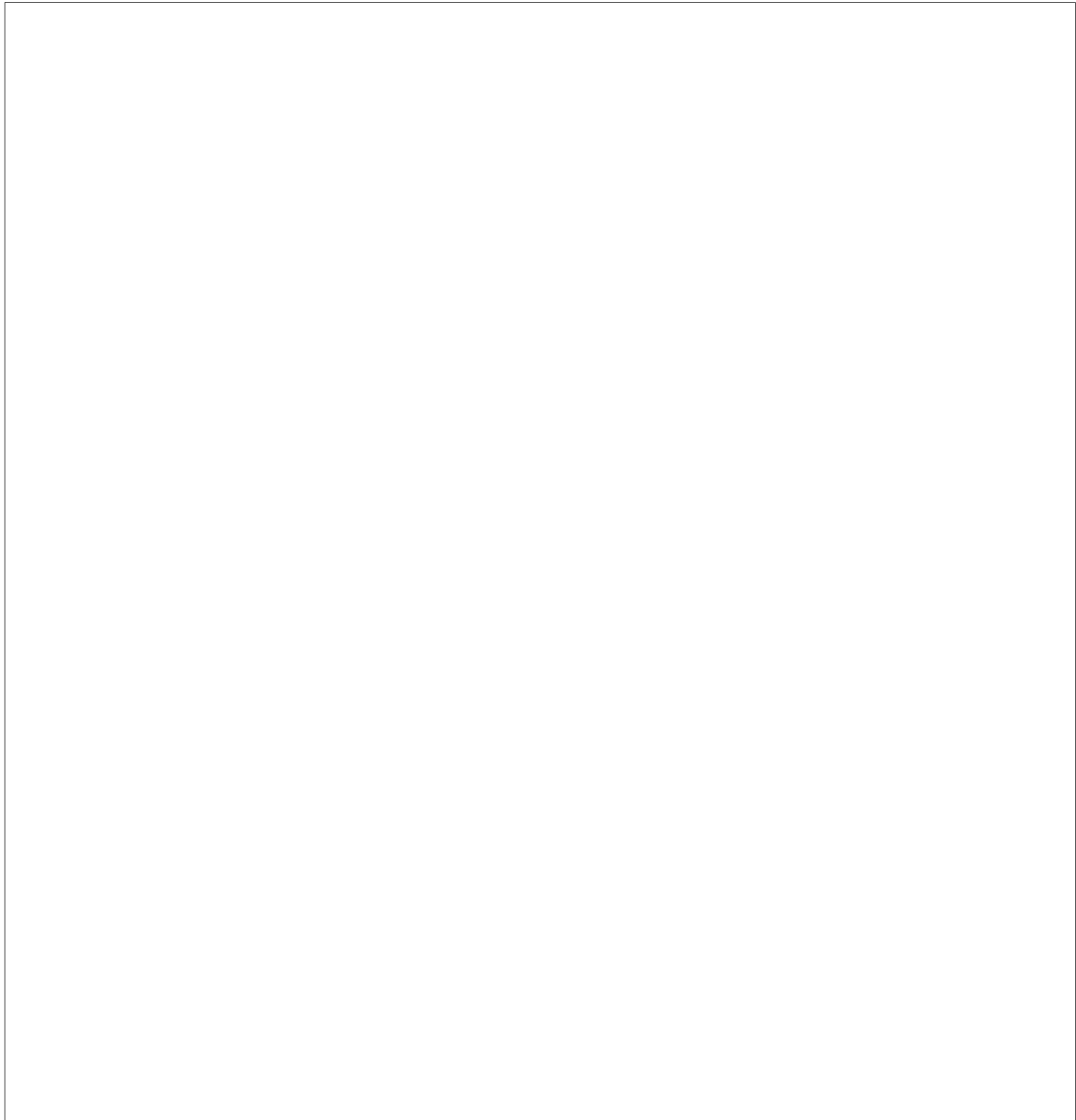
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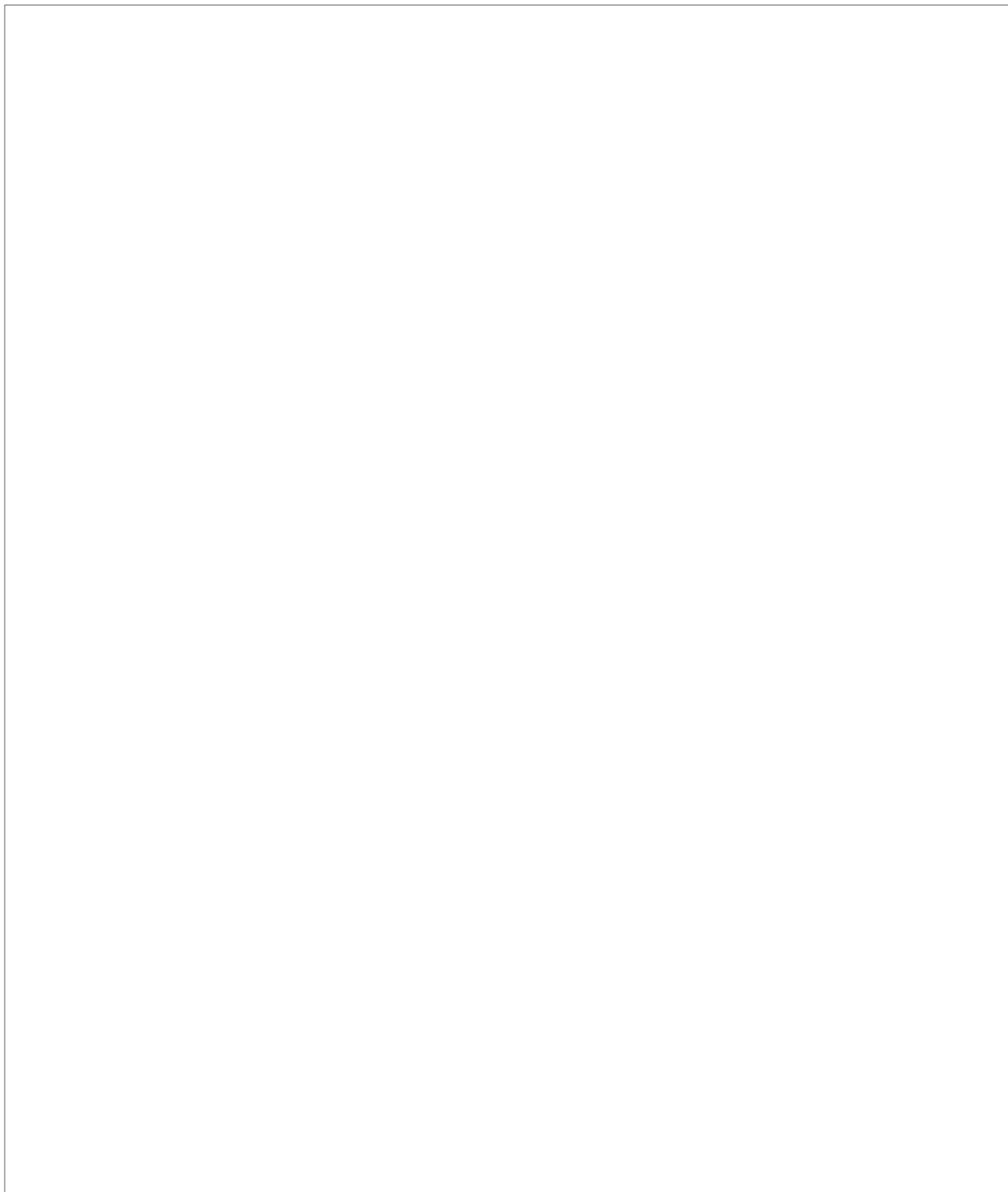
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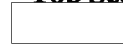
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EAST ASIA

Indonesia:

Attack on UN Raises New Doubts About East Timor Ballot

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The attack yesterday on a new regional office of the UN Mission to East Timor calls into question Jakarta's resolve to fulfill its obligation to maintain peace and security for the autonomy referendum now slated for 21 August. Only four Indonesian police were in front of the UN compound when it was stormed by about 100 pro-Indonesia militia,

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— The Indonesian Government dismissed the incident as a brawl between pro- and anti-integration groups that spilled over into the UN compound. [Redacted]

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The attack is the first assault on UN personnel following a series of threats. UN officials already have delayed the ballot once and will be hard pressed to proceed as scheduled if Jakarta fails to suppress the militias.

— *Prointegration activists have grown increasingly frustrated with what they perceive to be UN bias toward independence and may continue to harass UN personnel unless Jakarta takes steps to punish them.*

— *The military, which in recent months has been successful in regulating militia operations, may not be able to control the more aggressive elements who are emboldened by their success in intimidating independence supporters.* [Redacted]

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Vietnam:

Plenum To Consider Economic Reform [Redacted]

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Concern about Vietnam's declining competitiveness relative to its neighbors and its inability to attract foreign investors has prompted Communist Party leaders to devote a plenum to economic issues,

[Redacted] The Politburo scheduled the plenum, which is rumored to begin this week, after donors at a World Bank-sponsored meeting this month expressed dissatisfaction with the government's reform record.

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— Party members have given no indication that they plan to significantly reduce strict state control of the economy—they have expressed concern publicly that extensive reform would increase unemployment and risk political unrest. [Redacted]

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The National Assembly this month simplified the rules governing private business. The Politburo directed the Assembly to improve the local business and investment climate, [Redacted]

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China:

Sustaining Tight Domestic Security Through National Day [Redacted]

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The heightened security alert against dissidents and "antigovernment elements" imposed before the anniversary of the Tiananmen Square crackdown will be extended at least through the National Day celebrations on 1 October, according to Hong Kong press reports. Chinese press reports this week said that Tiananmen Square had been reopened to the public but that even those planning to fly kites would have to obtain permits. [Redacted]

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Hong Kong-based Frank Lu of the Information Center for Human Rights and Democratic Movement in China claims that China has detained 180 dissidents during the past month and that 31 remain in custody, *but his statistics are unconfirmed and may include detentions that lasted only a few hours or multiple detentions of the same persons.*

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Lu's numbers nonetheless are consistent with reports that authorities have intensified efforts to control dissidents and other potentially subversive groups. [Redacted]

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16 China Democracy Party members have been detained in the past four months, *suggesting the group remains a primary focus of the crackdown.* [Redacted]

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Various reports during the past month suggest detentions related to the Falungong sect will increase. In addition, the Central Military Commission has detained a policeman and has ordered that no military personnel practice Falungong. [Redacted]

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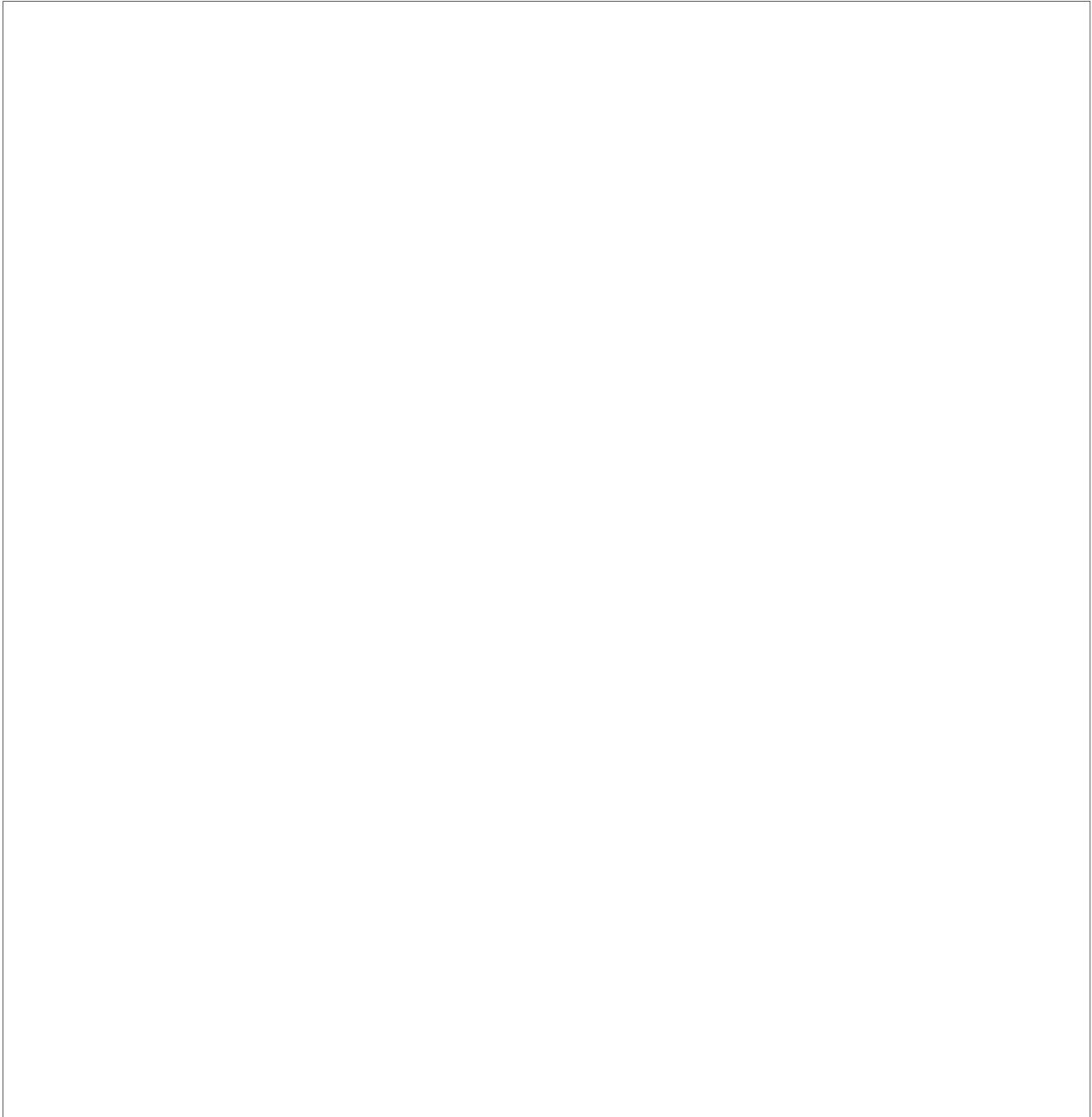
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Greece-Turkey:

Improved Atmospherics but Breakthrough Unlikely

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Greek Foreign Minister Papandreou and Turkish Foreign Minister Cem—
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in New York on the margins of the UN meeting on Kosovo to discuss
bilateral relations, according to local press reports

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— *The meeting may ease tensions caused by the capture last February of PKK leader Ocalan but is not likely to address longstanding bilateral territorial disputes.*

— *For domestic political reasons, Greek officials will not accede to Turkish demands for a bilateral terrorism agreement or to a public apology for Greece's role in harboring Ocalan at its diplomatic facilities in Kenya.*

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Canada:

Southeast Asian Heroin Moving to North America [redacted]

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An antidrug operation involving Canada, Hong Kong, Thailand, and the US indicates that significant quantities of heroin from Southeast Asia continue to reach North America. Authorities this month arrested 28 members of a group suspected of smuggling hundreds of kilograms of heroin from Burma to North America during the past two years, mainly in maritime container shipments to Vancouver, according to press reports.

— The heroin—some reaching as far as Puerto Rico—moved by various means from Burma through Thailand, China, and Hong Kong, where prosecutors say the traffickers laundered millions of dollars in profits. [redacted]

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[redacted] *Vancouver is a major North American gateway for Southeast Asian heroin. Traffickers—mainly ethnic Chinese crime organizations—move the drugs south from Vancouver to the US Pacific northwest and east to Toronto, which serves as a transshipment point to the northeastern US.* [redacted]

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This is the second major takedown of a group smuggling Southeast Asian heroin to Canada in seven months. Last November, authorities in Vancouver seized a record 70 kg of heroin, and in January they arrested two ethnic Chinese Canadian residents from Hong Kong. [redacted]

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