

The Liberty Exhibit



On June 8, 1967, the *Liberty*, a ship of the Naval Security Group, found itself in the middle of the 1967 Arab-Israeli Six-Day War. Cruising 25 miles off the Gaza coast, it was attacked by Israeli fighters and torpedo boats at 2 o'clock on a clear and sunny afternoon. There was no apparent provocation, and the reason for the attack has never been fully resolved, although Israel described it as an identification error and sent restitution for the damage and loss of life. The U.S. government accepted the explanation of the Israeli government concerning the identification error. The loss of thirty-four men was the largest loss of life in a single event in American cryptologic history. It occurred, ironically, during a war in which the United States was not a participant.

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REPORT TO THE
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NSA

USS LIBERTY
(AGTR-5)

23 MAY - 8 JUNE 1967

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INTRODUCTION

On 13 May 1967, NSA requested that the JCS authorize diversion of the USS LIBERTY from ABIDJAN to an operational area off PORT SAID to provide vital SIGINT coverage in the Middle East crisis area. NSA requested JCS approval of specified operational areas in the southeast Mediterranean and proposed that the actual operating areas and the closest point of approach (CPA) should be adjusted as necessary for operational and safety reasons. NSA and US Navy linguists and technical support materials were provided to the USS LIBERTY at ROTA.

The LIBERTY departed ROTA at 1230Z on 2 June. In her last reported position prior to the incident (33°06'N by 28°54'E at 070800Z), she was underway and destined to arrive at 2300Z and remain stationary at a position within 30 nautical miles of 31°45'N by 33°30'E. This position would be within the previously defined NSA OP area 3 (32°00'N - 33°00'N to 34°00'E).

Several JCS actions were taken to restrict progressively the closest point of approach (CPA) of the USS LIBERTY away from the UAR-Israeli coastal area; the last delimiting operations to positions no closer than 100 nautical miles from the UAR and Israel and

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25 nautical miles from Cyprus.

Personnel losses are known. Losses of classified cryptologic materials and equipments will not be known until an inventory is made of materials remaining aboard the LIBERTY.

The following report will demonstrate on the basis of evidence now available that the USS LIBERTY was an essential augmentation to the Middle East SIGINT posture; that SIGINT command, operational and technical control responsibilities were fulfilled according to existing instructions; and that the position of the USS LIBERTY was operationally and technically proper from a SIGINT standpoint except in the hindsight of the rash Israeli act.

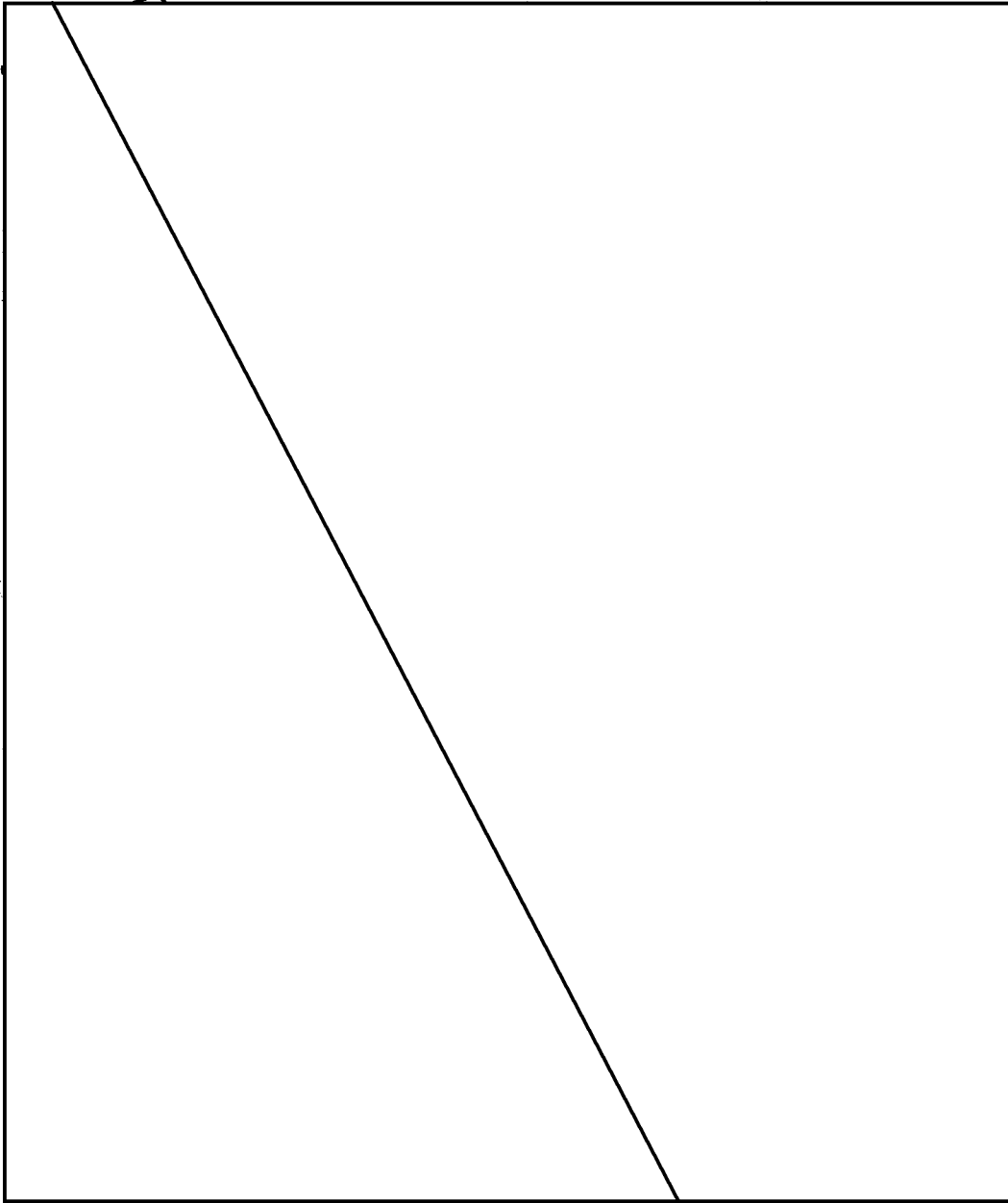
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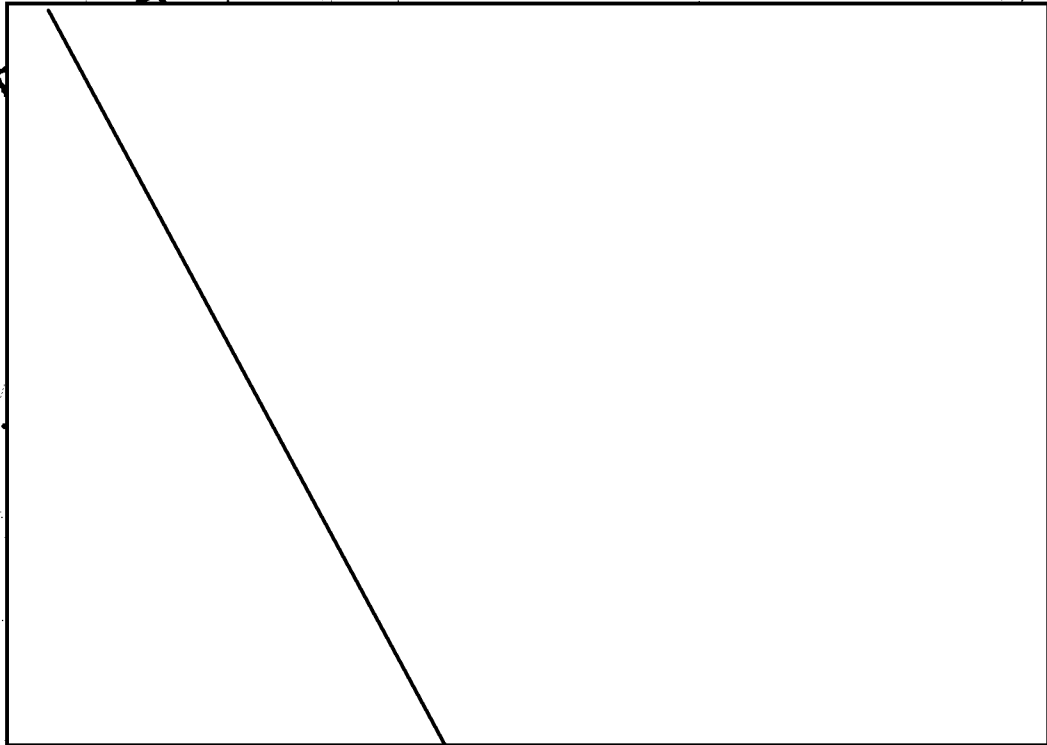
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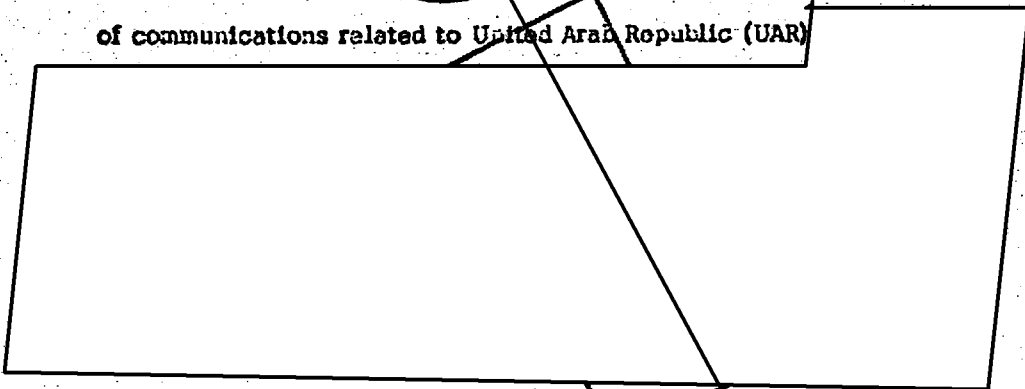


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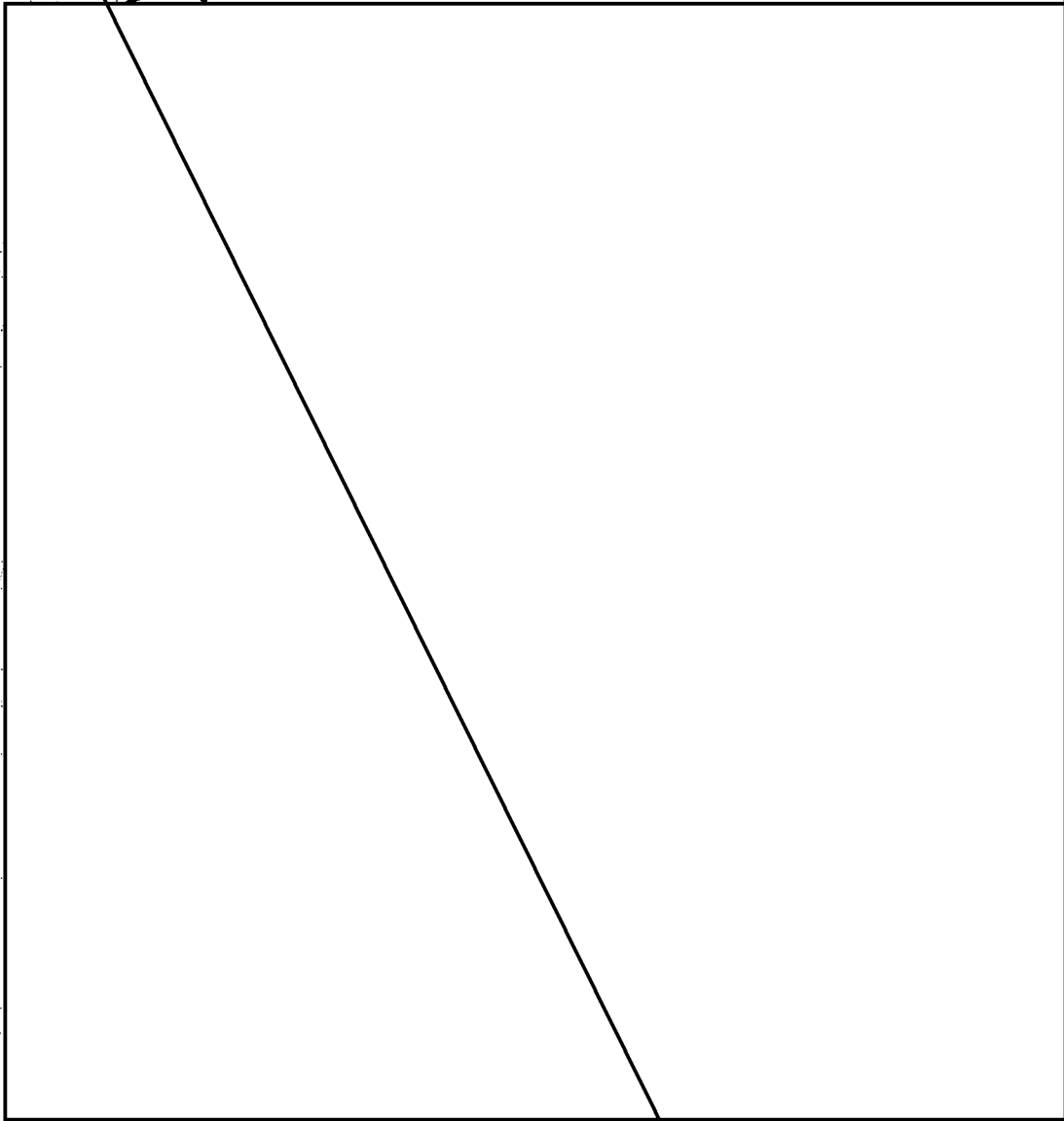


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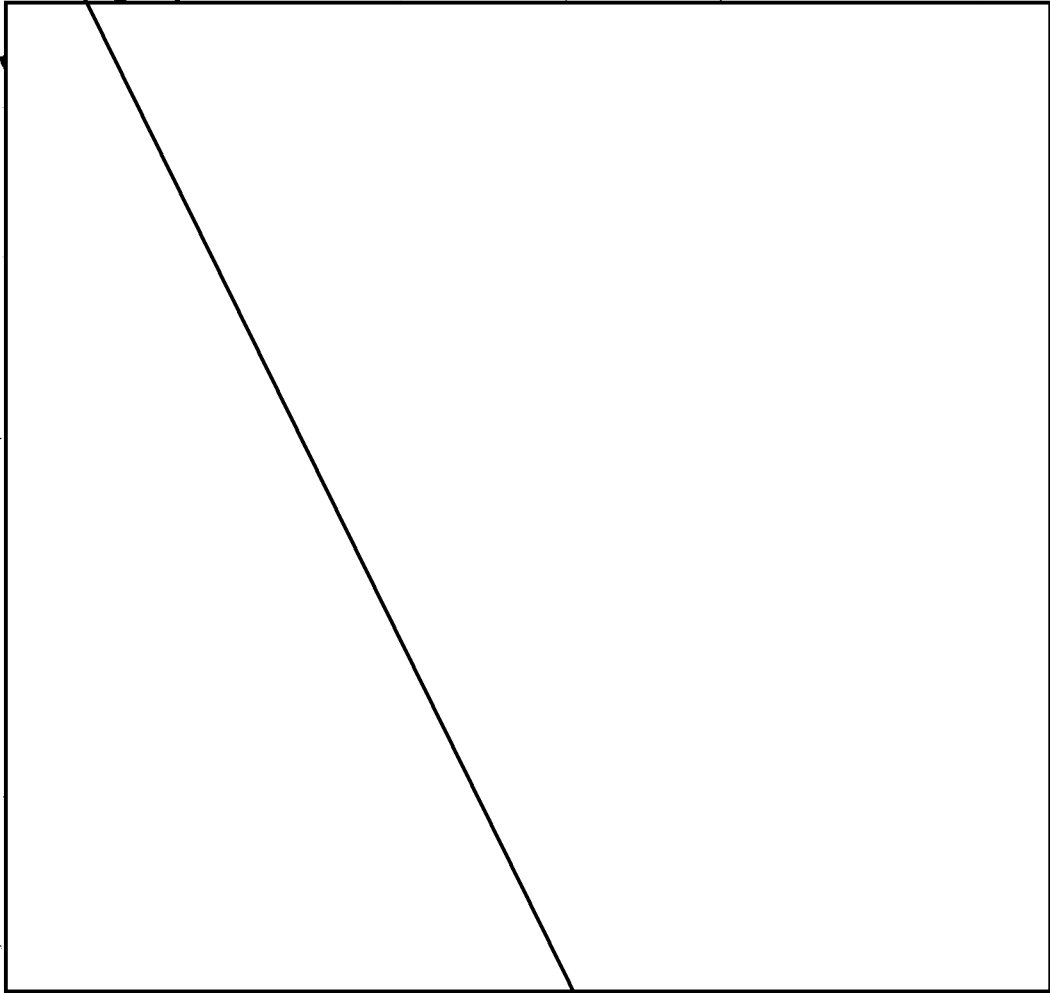
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DEPLOYMENT OF THE TECHNICAL RESEARCH
SHIP, USS LIBERTY (USN-855)

The USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) is a converted Victory Ship previously known as the SIMMONS VICTORY. (TAB D)

The conversion to an AGTR (Technical Research Ship) was made by the Willamette Iron and Steel Works, Portland, Oregon. The USS LIBERTY was commissioned on 30 December 1964.

The principal characteristics of the ship are as follows:

Length, overall	455' - 0"
Beam	62' - 0
Full Load Draft (estimated)	24' - 0
Displacement, light	7,190 tons
Displacement, full load	10,680 tons
Maximum Speed	18 knots

Personnel

General Service Allowed

9 Officers
151 Enlisted Men

Navy Security Group Allowed

6 Officers
128 Enlisted Men

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The collection and reporting effort assigned to the
USS LIBERTY was directed primarily against UAR [redacted]
targets in the high frequency, very high frequency and ultra
high frequency ranges. The normal personnel complement
of the USS LIBERTY was augmented by six Arabic Linguists
for this specialized effort.

[redacted]

The proposal to deploy the USS LIBERTY to the
Eastern Mediterranean was the result of consumer
requirements, the anticipated loss of fixed intercept
capability, and technical requirements to develop
optimum data for SIGINT units providing direct support
to U.S. forces which might have become involved in the
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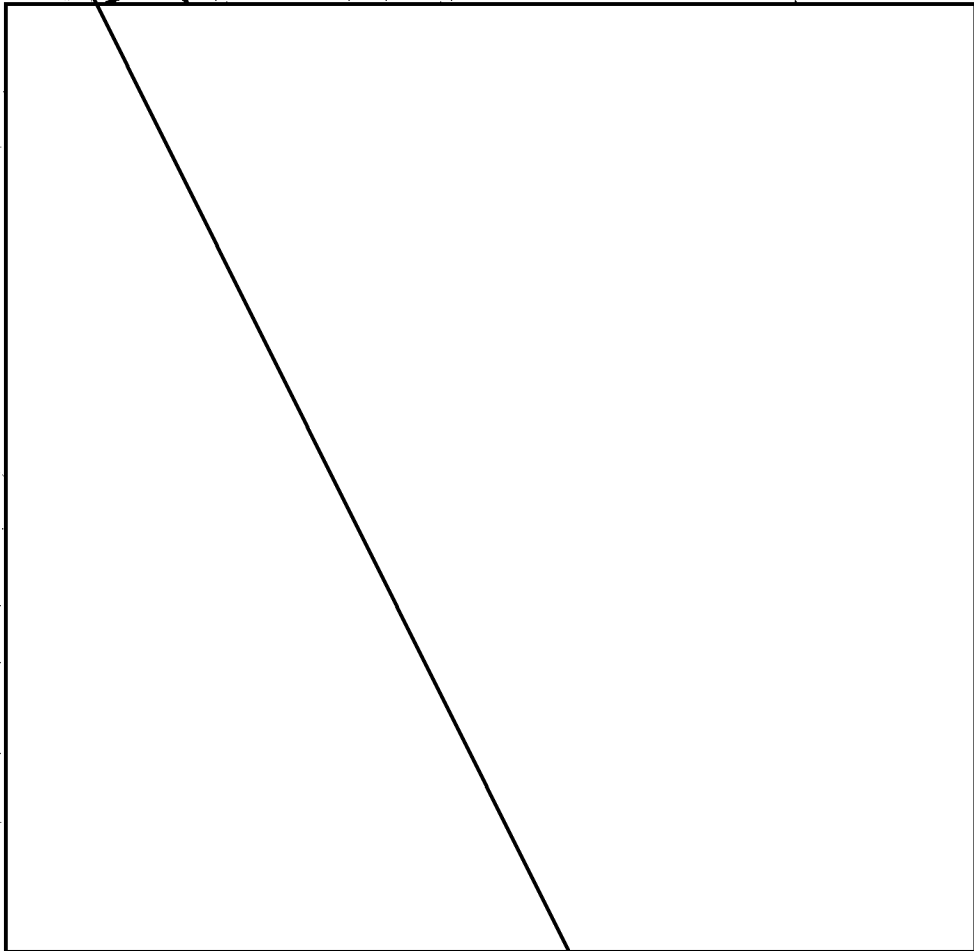
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The rationale for requesting the positioning of the USS LIBERTY
in operation area 3 for initial operations was based upon
the following factors:

- The major requirement was for coverage of UAR
targets in the VHF/UHF ranges; therefore, the platform was

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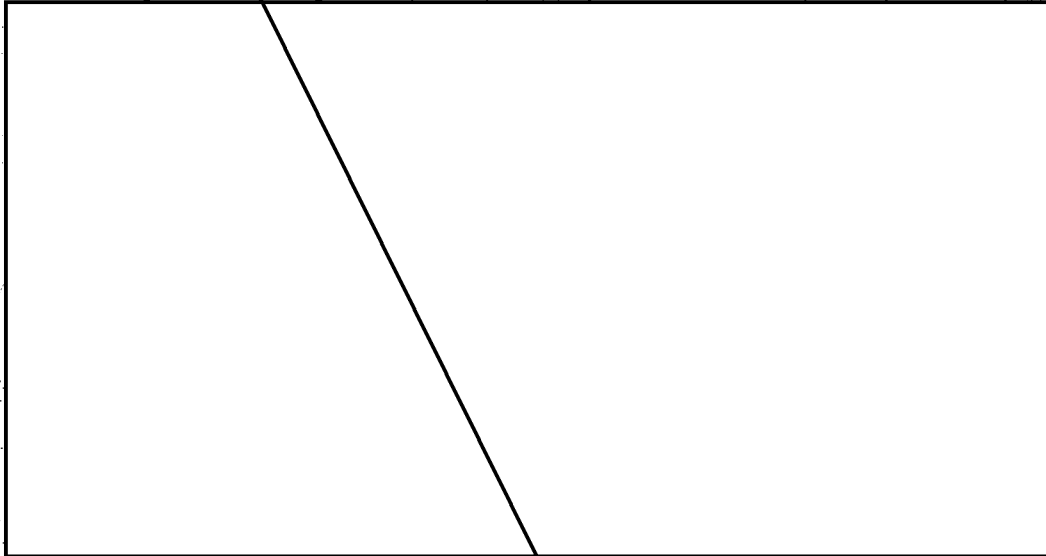
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requested to operate in an area affording the maximum possibility of collection success.

- Wave propagation analysis indicated that operational area 3 would allow for the collection of the greatest number of signals as contrasted with the other specific, approved operating areas.



Communications known to be used by the USS LIBERTY are as follows:

2 High Frequency Morse circuits

2 High Frequency Radio Telephone/Radio Printer circuits

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1 secure Moon Relay system, one channel capability,
100 words per minute

4 secure High Frequency circuits plus two spares
(total of 3 full duplex and 3 half duplex)

2 offline encryption/decryption devices.

The ship had the capability of using any combinations of
the above but not all simultaneously.

The SIGINT collection was to be processed and reported
within on board capabilities.

The LIBERTY was tasked to provide daily electrical technical
summaries to other collectors and NSA. These summaries would
provide the latest technical information for use by other
collectors and would provide to NSA a means of staying abreast
of the LIBERTY's SIGINT activities.

All plaintext international shipping activity was to be
forwarded electrically to NSA for exploitation.

Upon completion of the deployment, the ship was requested
to provide all on board collection, including unprocessed
tapes, to NSA

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OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

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Command and control of a seaborne SIGINT collection platform is exercised in military command channels. Control is delegated from the JCS to the Unified or Specified Commander and thence to the Naval component Fleet or Force Commander. Command control of a technical research ship includes the final determination by military operational commanders that the operation required by NSA is compatible with the safety of the ship.

Operational and technical control of the SIGINT activities on board the platform is exercised by the Director, NSA.

Documentation outlining the responsibilities of NSA, JCS and others is contained in Tabs E., through N., and is summarized as follows:

The Introduction to the Manual of U. S. SIGINT Operations (MUSO), dated 1 March 1966, outlines the means by which the Director, NSA, exercises operational and technical control of the National SIGINT effort in accordance with the authority and provisions of National Security Council Intelligence Directive (NSCID 6) and

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Implementing DOD Directives (S3115.2 and S3115.4). This document describes operating instructions (OPINS) as "Orders and directives assigning missions, tasks or functions to SIGINT organizations." (TAB E)

OPINS 2855 provides the specific operating instructions for the SIGINT component aboard the Technical Research Ship USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5). It outlines the command relationships, mission, functions, liaison, communications and special instructions for this component. (TAB F)

A JCS Memorandum of 4 May 1966 outlined the responsibilities of NSA and command elements with regard to the specific procedures for the planning and approval of Technical Research Ship schedules. NSA employs this document as the basis for scheduling actions for TRS platforms. (TAB G)

A JCS Message of 6 June 1967, provides the NSA and command responsibilities for the USS LIBERTY while operating in the USCINCEUR area of responsibility. (TAB H)

On 5 November 1965, the JCS outlined contingency planning for TRS operations to be used in general planning.

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for SIGINT support of contingency operations. This message was a result of correspondence relevant to command/control of SIGINT platforms. Although the message is not specifically related to procedures employed by NSA, it is a JCS statement of command and control responsibilities. (TAB I) Amplification of this statement is provided below.

As a result of experience [redacted]

[redacted] involving the Technical

Research Ship (TRS) USS BELMONT, DIRNSA determined the need for guidance to operational commanders regarding the employment of the TRS. On 27 May and 4 June 1965 NSA requested JCS To issue general guidance to inform appropriate commanders of the purpose, nature and concept of TRS operations since the USS OXFORD was being deployed to Southeast Asian waters. The message recommended that such guidance include the following statement:
"Operational and technical control of the SIGINT activities on board the OXFORD is exercised by the Director, NSA."

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In accordance with the NSA request of 26 May 1965,
the Joint Chiefs of Staff issued guidance on TRS operations
in Southeast Asia on 7 June (JCS 2085-65 071404Z June 1965.)

(TAB L) This message substituted the statement,
"Technical control and signal tasking of SIGINT collection
activities aboard the OXFORD will be as directed by DIRNSA
through DIRNAVSECGRU⁷ for the desired wording in the DIRNSA
suggested guidance: i.e. "Operational and technical
control of the SIGINT activities on board the OXFORD is
exercised by the Director, NSA."

Subsequently, on 17 June 1965, DIRNSA in commenting on
JCS 2085-65, advised the JCS that "these activities include
processing and reporting as well as collection." (TAB M)

On 1 September 1965, NSA requested that JCS consider
issuing general guidance similar to JCS 2085-65 071404Z June 1965
to inform the other unified commanders of the purpose, nature and
concept of TRS operations. (TAB N)

In accordance with the NSA request of 1 September 1965, the
JCS issued the guidance on TRS operations on 5 November 1965.
This message was sent to all unified commanders and the CNO.
The message outlined the purpose, nature and concept of TRS

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operations and was made applicable to all TRSs. The message provides for exercise of "operational and technical control of all SIGINT activities (collection, processing, reporting) on board the ship, by the Director, NSA (via direct communications to ship or through the Director, NSG)." The message further states: "operational control of ship. Military operational control of these ships will be effected by the cognizant unified or specified commander through the Naval component commander to a specific fleet or force commander ... Basis for collection area assignments ... Determination by military operational commanders that the operation required by NSA is compatible with the safety of the ship." (TAB I)

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23 May

The situation in the Middle East resulted in NSA declaring a SIGINT Readiness BRAVO. In order to augment coverage in the area, NSA requested JCS/JRC to authorize diversion of the USS LIBERTY from Abidjan, Ivory Coast to Rota, Spain, in preparation for deployment to the Eastern Mediterranean (TAB O) (DIRNSA ADP/224-57 2317292). Since the LIBERTY possessed an excellent capability for collection, processing and reporting of SIGINT, she was considered a superior platform to the USNS VALDEZ, which was scheduled to return to New York.

25 May

The following action was initiated:

- provision to the LIBERTY of additional linguist capability in Arabic including three NSA civilians:

Mr. Allen M. Blue, GG-7

Mr. Donald L. Bialock, GG-7

Mr. Robert L. Wilson, GG-7

(No Hebrew linguists were available) ←

- Tasking for both the transit to the operating area and the period while on-station was developed, coordinated and supplied to USN-855 (TAB P) (DIRNSA K12/595 2922012, DIRNSA K12/606 022333Z, K12/611 022335Z)

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29 May

JCS approved the NSA request for diversion of the LIBERTY and requested that CINCLANT change OPCON of the LIBERTY from CINCLANT to CINCEUR upon the ship's arrival at Rota, Spain, on or about 31 May.

Additionally, JCS informed CINCEUR to make the necessary preparations for extended employment of the LIBERTY to the Eastern Mediterranean (TAB Q) (JCS 6499 291802Z).

DIRNSA requested JCS approval of the operational areas for the LIBERTY and proposed Area 3 (TAB A) as the initial area subject to "adjustment as necessary for operational or safety reasons." (TAB R) (DIRNSA ADP/242-67 292013Z)

1 June

JCS requested CINCEUR to deploy the LIBERTY on 2 June from Rota, Spain, to Area 3 and stipulated a closest point of approach (CPA) to Algeria, Libya, and the UAR of 13 nautical miles during the transit. Upon arrival in Area 3 on or about 9 June, the CPA stipulated by JCS was to be 12.5 nautical miles to the UAR and 6.5 nautical miles to Israel (TAB S) (JCS 6724 01545Z).

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2 June The LIBERTY deployed from Rota, Spain, at #2123#Z through the Straits of Gibraltar following a coastal route to Area 3.

5 June In view of the outbreak of hostilities, representatives of the tasking elements of NSA telephoned JCS/JRC and asked whether or not a change in the employment of the LIBERTY was contemplated. Recollection of the repositioning of the OXFORD during the Cuban crisis in 1962 prompted the telephone call. JRC advised that no action was contemplated at that time.

6 June CINCUSNAVEUR directed Commander, Sixth Fleet (C)MSIXTHFLT to take OPCON of the LIBERTY in order to "facilitate command and control and possible requirement for protection during Mid-East hostilities" and additionally directed LIBERTY to change operational control to COMSIXTHFLT at #7#8#1Z. The message also authorized modification of the initial JCS plan of operations (TAB S) should safety reasons so dictate. (TAB T) CINCUSNAVEUR #61357Z). Subsequently COMSIXTHFLT issued his OPCON change message to the LIBERTY (TAB U) COMSIXTHFLT #62349Z).

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7 June

Since the UAR target entities were moving westerly, DIRNSA requested JCS for immediate action to change the operating area of the LIBERTY from Area 3 to Area 2 in order to satisfy tasking requirements (TAB V) (DIRNSA K12/631 072104Z).

The LIBERTY reported her position at 070800Z and stated she would remain stationary within 30 nautical miles of a point (31-45N, 33-30E) approximately 68 nautical miles northeast of Port Said upon arrival in Area 3 (TAB W) (USS LIBERTY 070900Z).

On the afternoon of 7 June, the NSA representative at JRC telephoned the NSA tasking representatives to advise of discussions underway between Navy and JCS/JRC concerning the possibility of changing the LIBERTY's CPA. There was concern within JRC since the LIBERTY was 350-400 miles from the closest Sixth Fleet ships. The NSA representative at JRC relayed the concern expressed by a member of JRC that a change in the CPA might have an adverse effect on the ship's SIGINT mission. The NSA tasking representatives pointed out that the effect of any

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declined to make any statement regarding any specific repositioning of the LIBERTY since changes in the CPA for operational or safety reasons were considered a military command decision, and they felt that any specific statement on their part could be interpreted as a defense for retaining the 12.5 mile CPA.

Prior to close of business 7 June, the NSA representative at JRC saw a message originated by JCS/JRC ordering a change in the LIBERTY's CPA to 20 nautical miles to the UAR and 15 nautical miles to Israel and in the LIBERTY's OP area to Area 2, as requested by DIRNSA on 5 June.

However, the message as transmitted by JRC (TAB X) (JCS 6724 072230Z) did not contain the latter change. The JRC member concerned stated that he had decided to do one thing at a time. It later turned out that JRC was overtaken by events in changing the OP area.

Later in the evening the NSA representative at JRC received a call from JRC requesting his concurrence in a

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JCS message changing the CPA to 100 nautical miles.

The reasons for the change were expressed as being, at the outset, primarily political in origin: Since the United States Ambassador to the United Nations had stated to that body that there were no U. S. Navy ships within 350-400 nautical miles of the UAR/Israel area, JCS and Navy felt that they must lend support to that position. During the night a message was received by JCS from the Commander, Sixth Fleet (TAB Y) (COMSDXTHFLT 071503Z) stating that "no operations, either surface or air, were permitted within 100 miles of Israel, Syria, or Egypt or within 25 miles of Cyprus." The message provided a status report on Sixth Fleet operations as of 5 June - at which time the LIBERTY was under the operational control of CINCEUR; transfer of operational control to COMSDXTHFLT was effected at 070001Z. The status report was apparently prompted by the allegation by the Arabs, at the UN, that the U. S. and the British had participated in the Israeli air strikes against the UAR. JCS reacted by sending a message to CINCEUR, Info LIBERTY, cancelling the 20 nautical mile

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message (TAB X) and defining the new CPA as "no closer than 100 nautical miles from Israel, Syria, Egypt and 25 nautical miles to Cyprus." (TAB Z) (JCS 7347 080110Z).

Since the attack on the LIBERTY occurred at 081205Z, it is extremely unlikely that the LIBERTY could have received and taken action on the message in time. Additionally, CINCEUR would be required to send a message implementing the JCS decision.

8 June

COMSIXTHFLT reported that at 1252Z the LIBERTY reported she was under attack at 31-23N, 33-25E - hit by torpedo and listing badly. (TAB AA) (COMSIXTHFLT 081320Z).

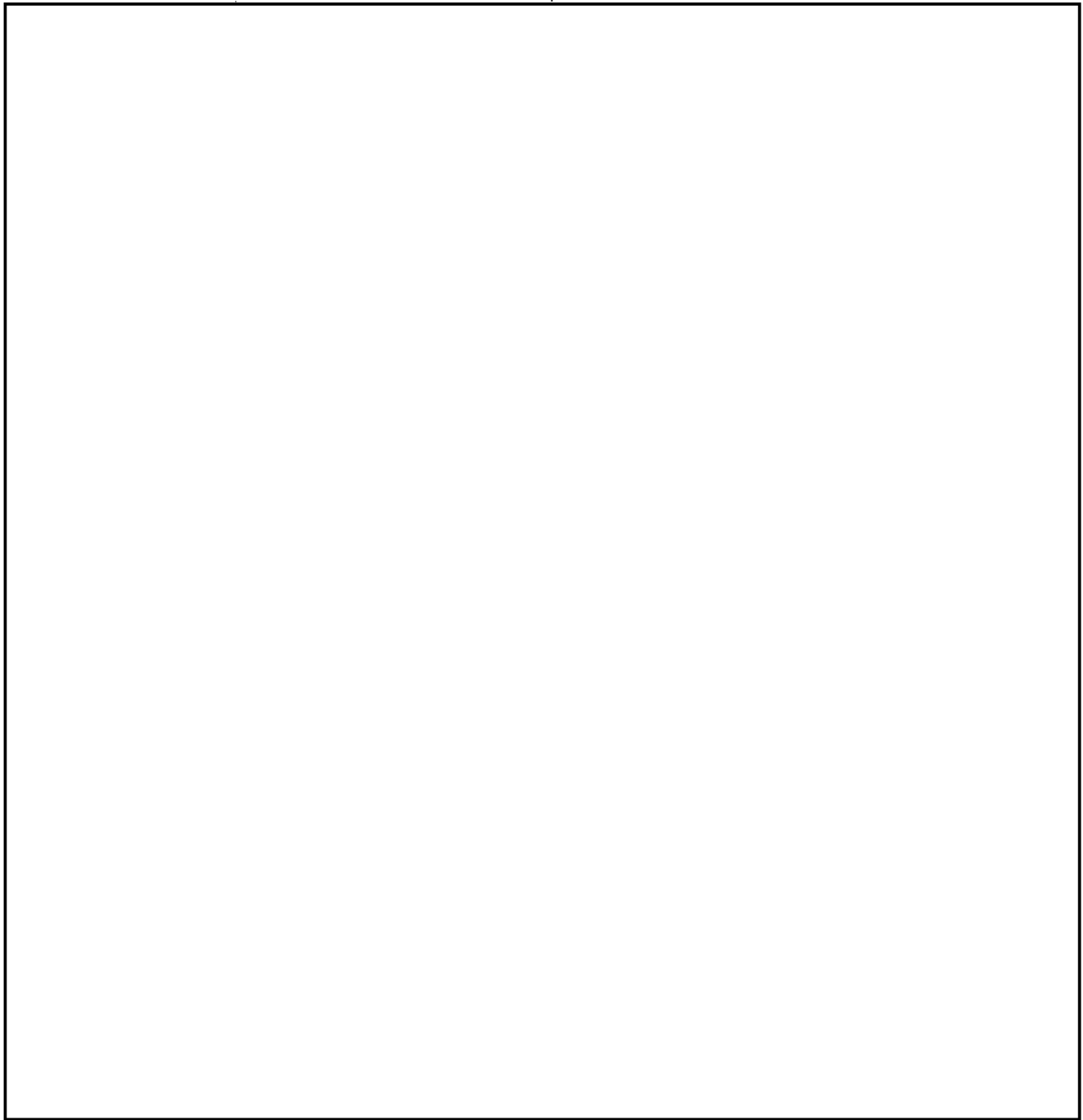
A message originated by the LIBERTY was intercepted by USM-4 [redacted] reporting the incident and informing CNO that she was clearing the area. (TAB BB) (USM-4 081812Z).

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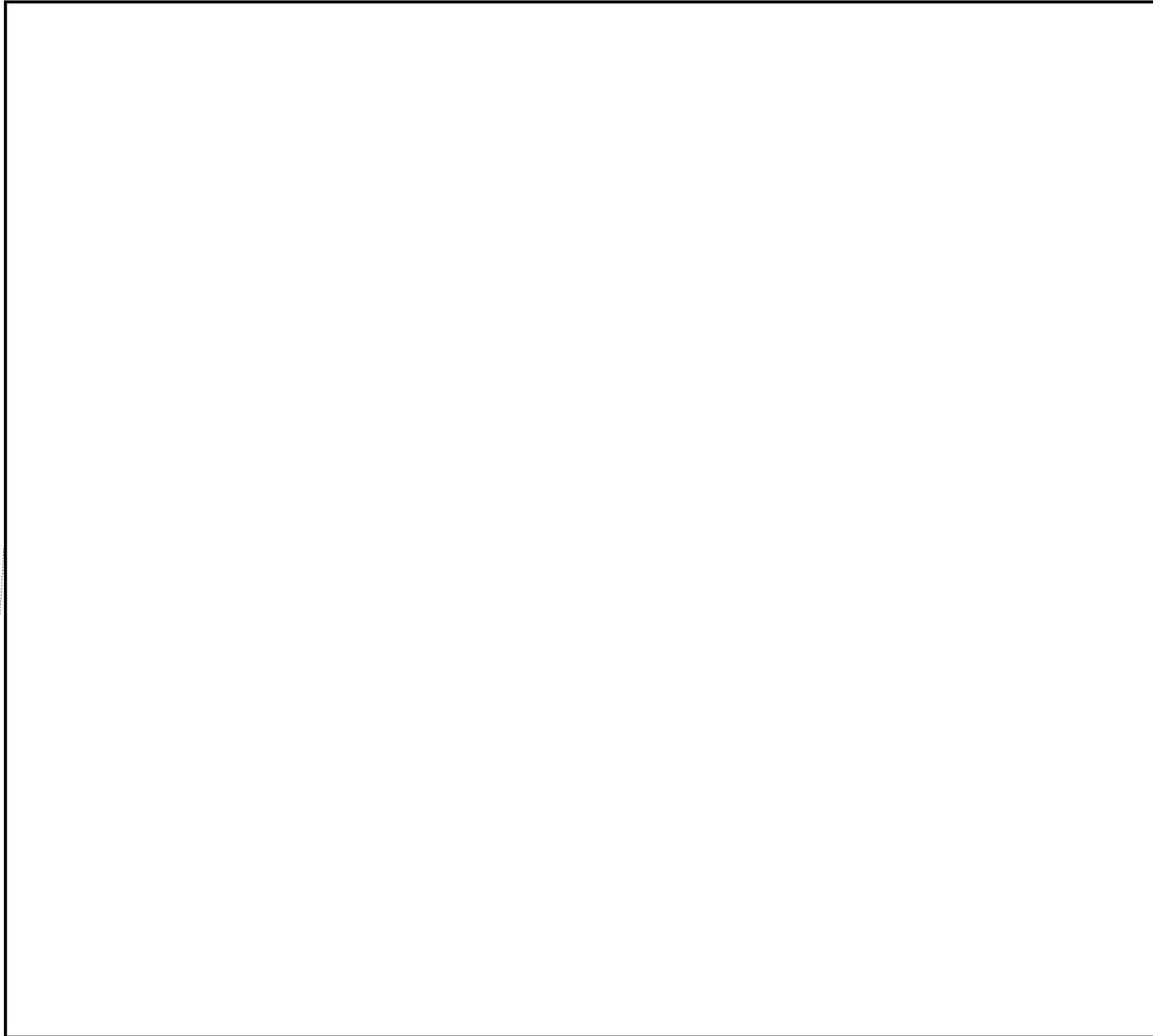
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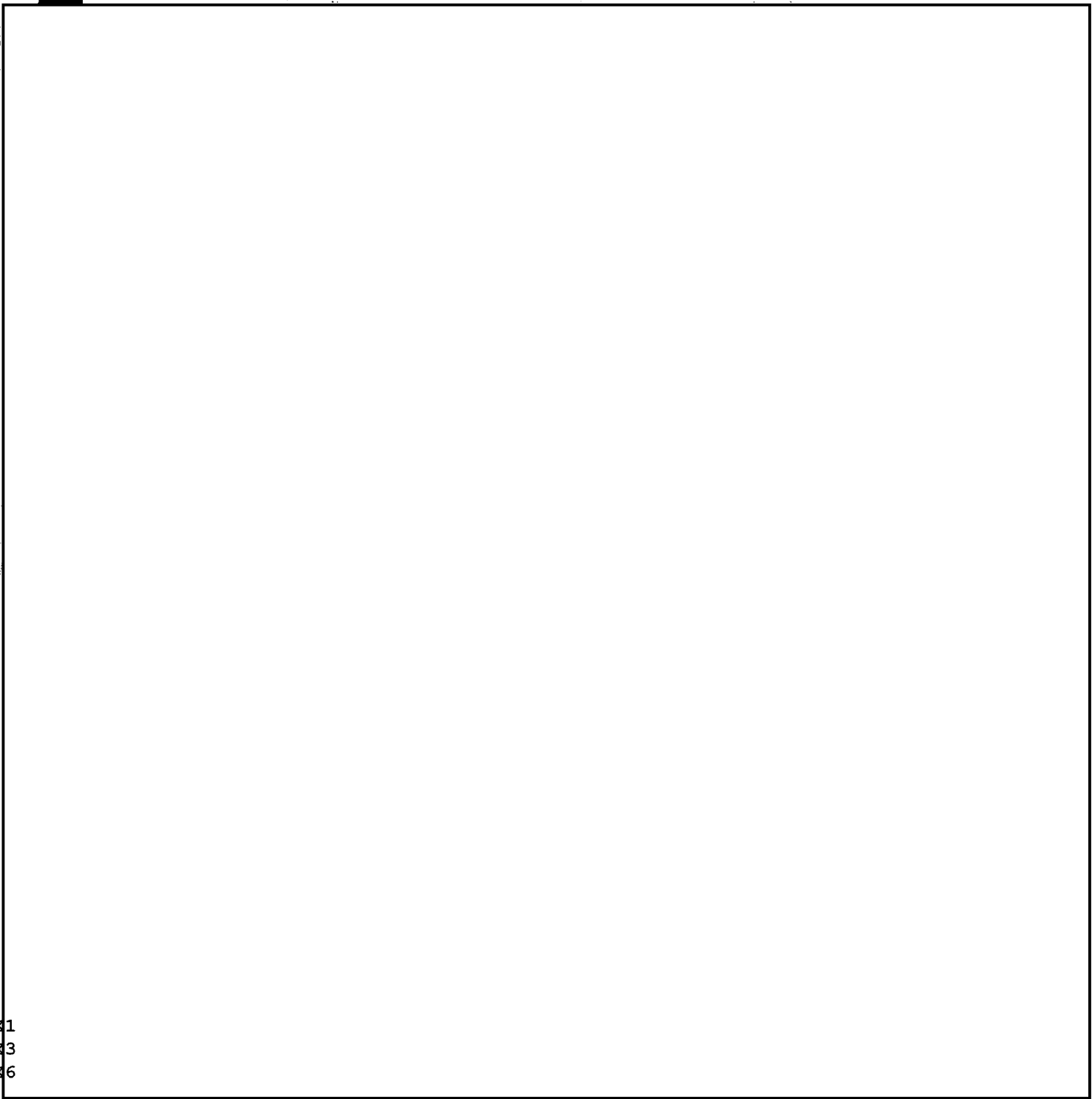
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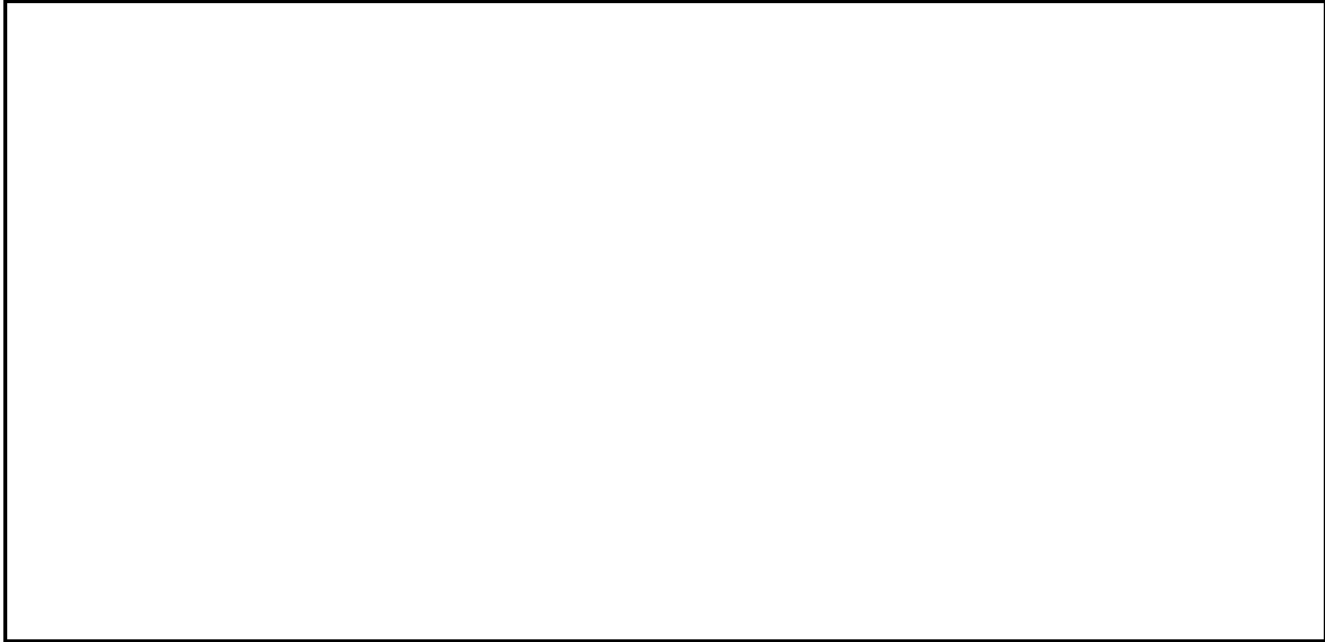
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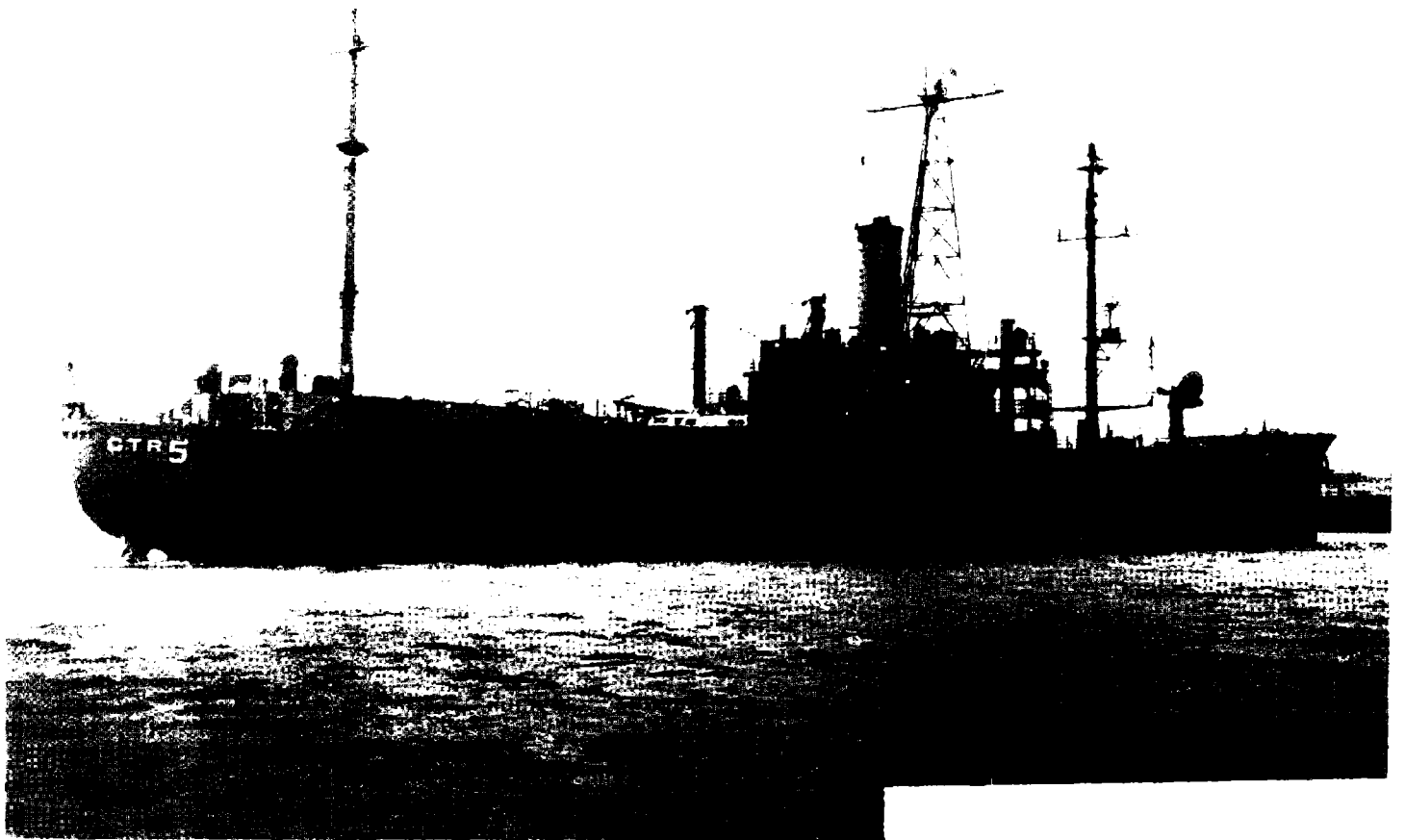


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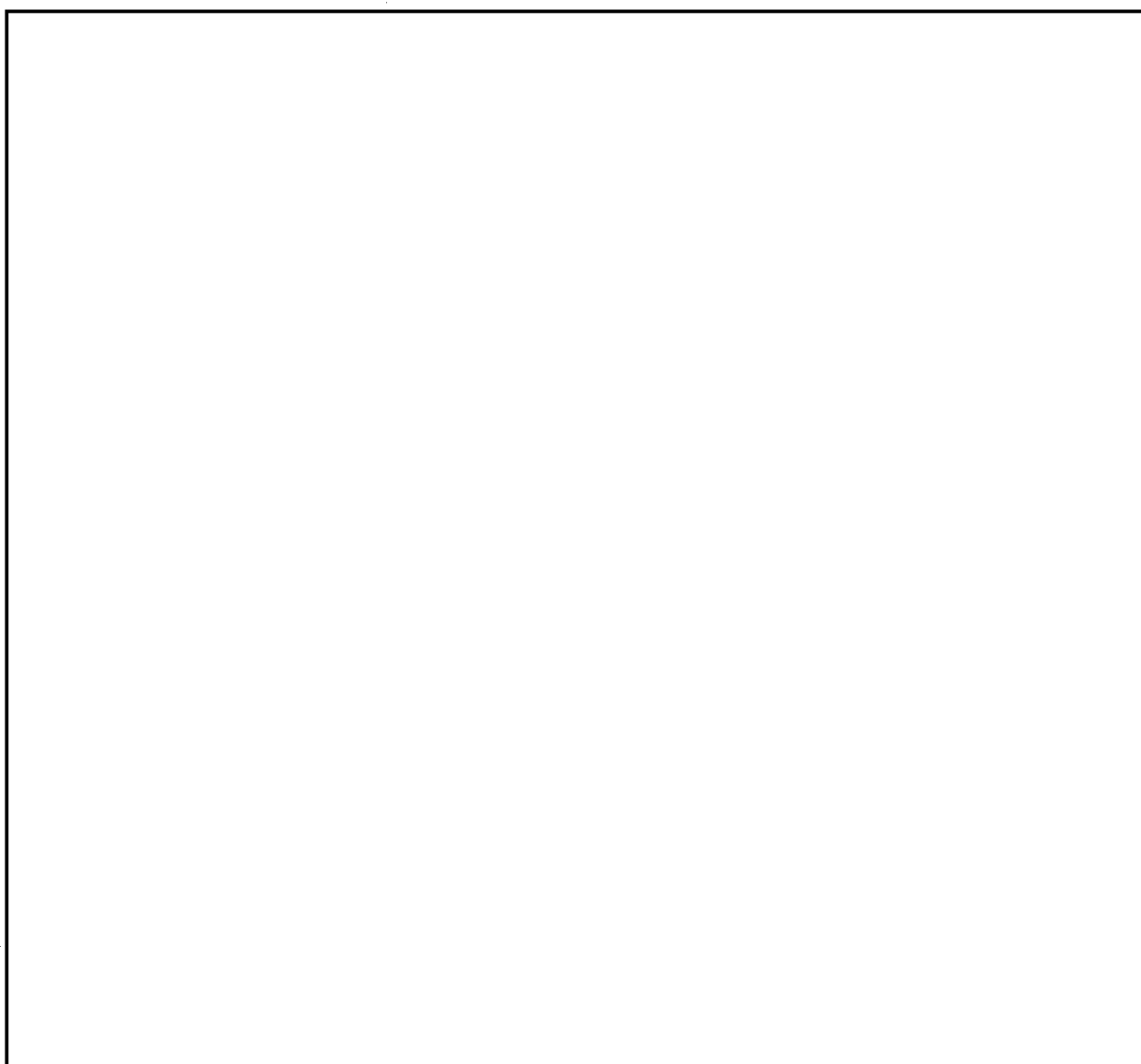


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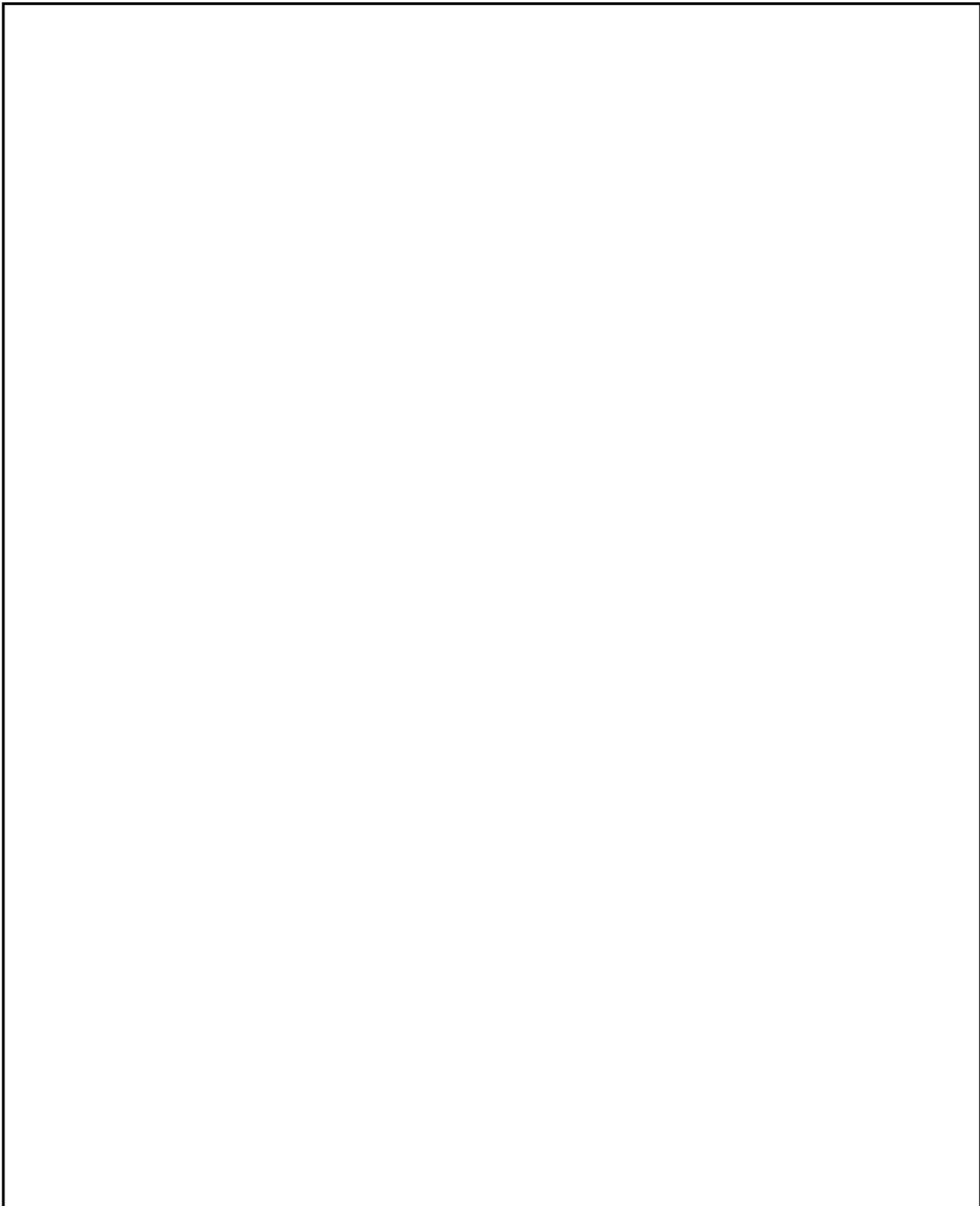
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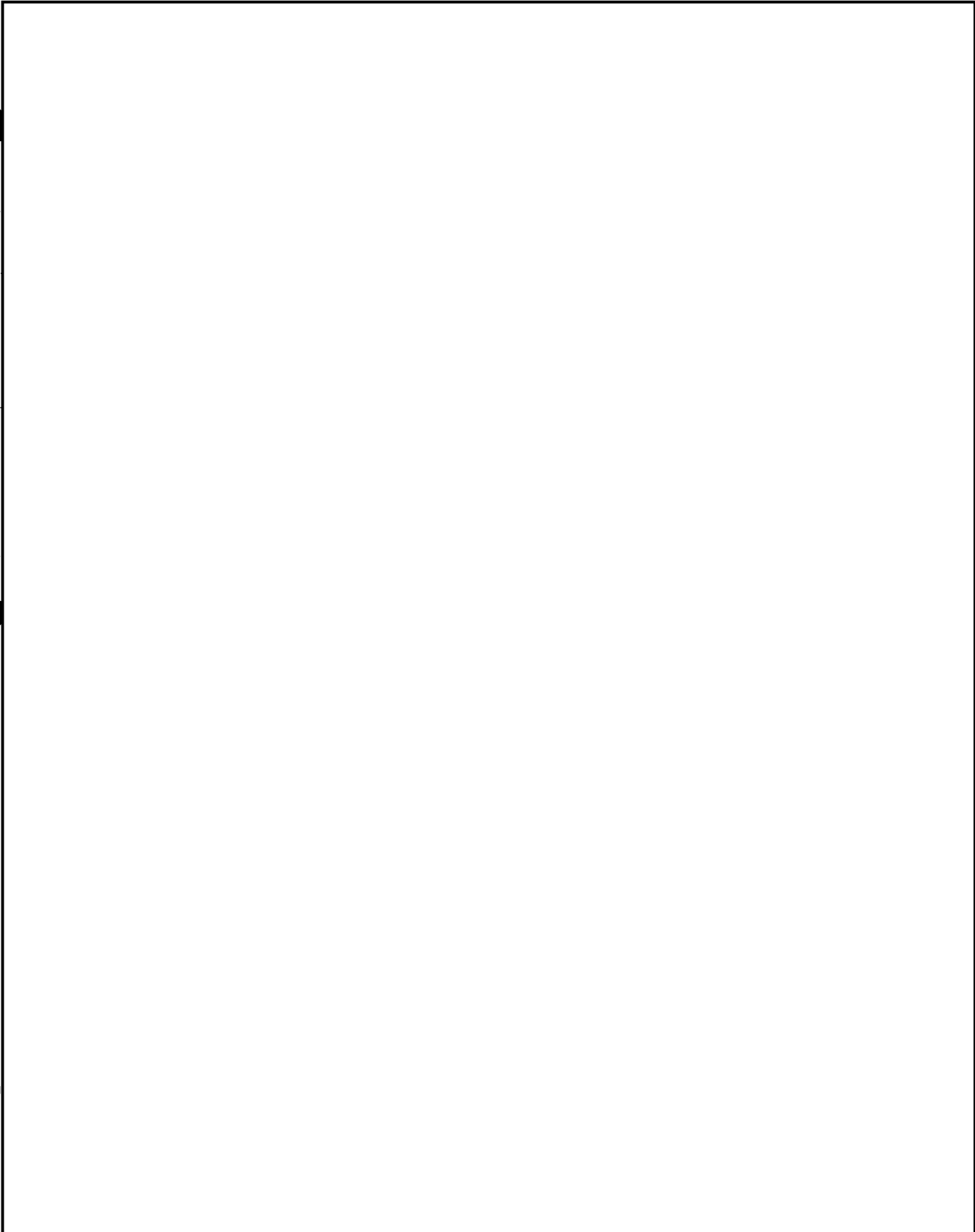
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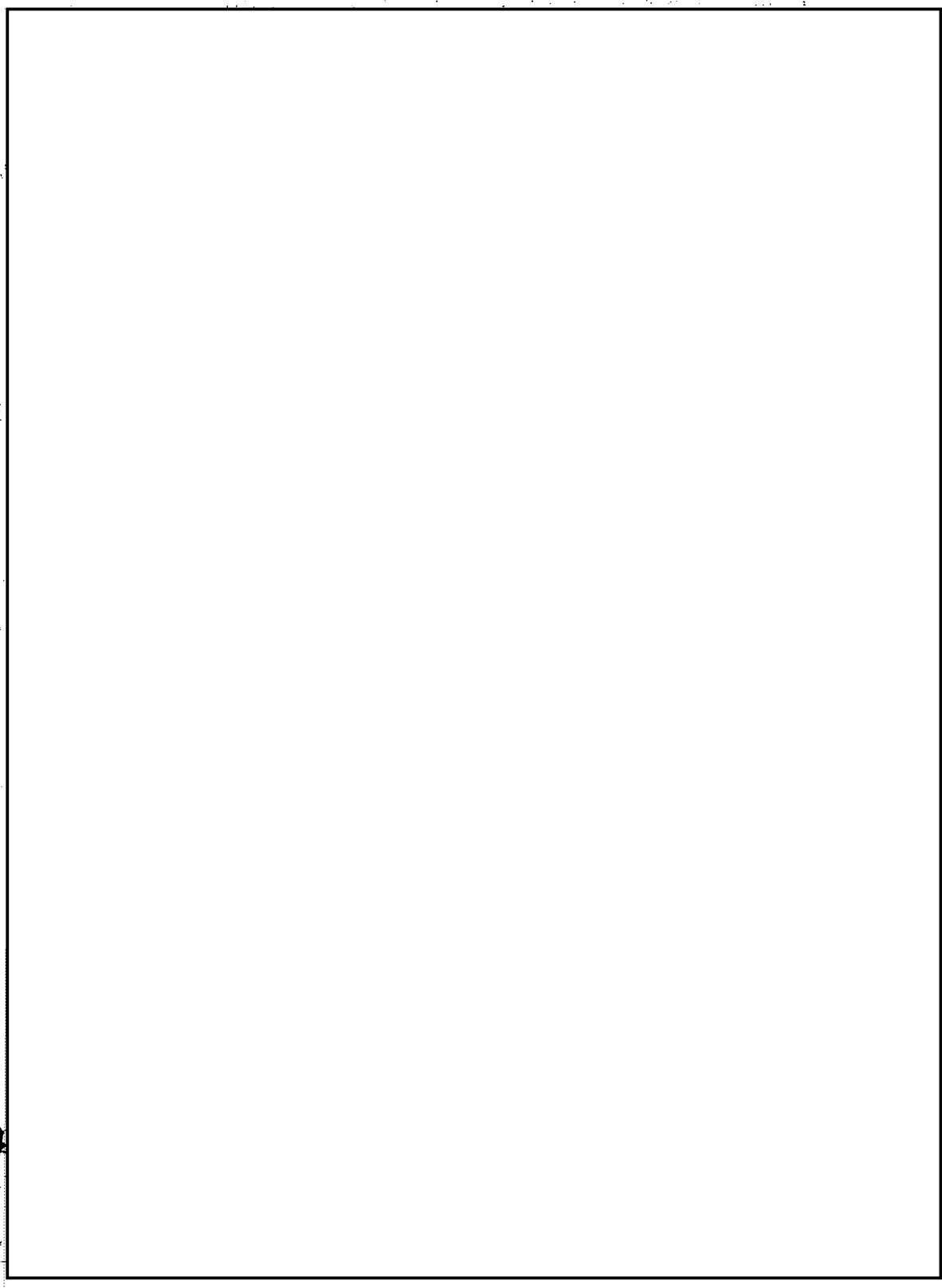
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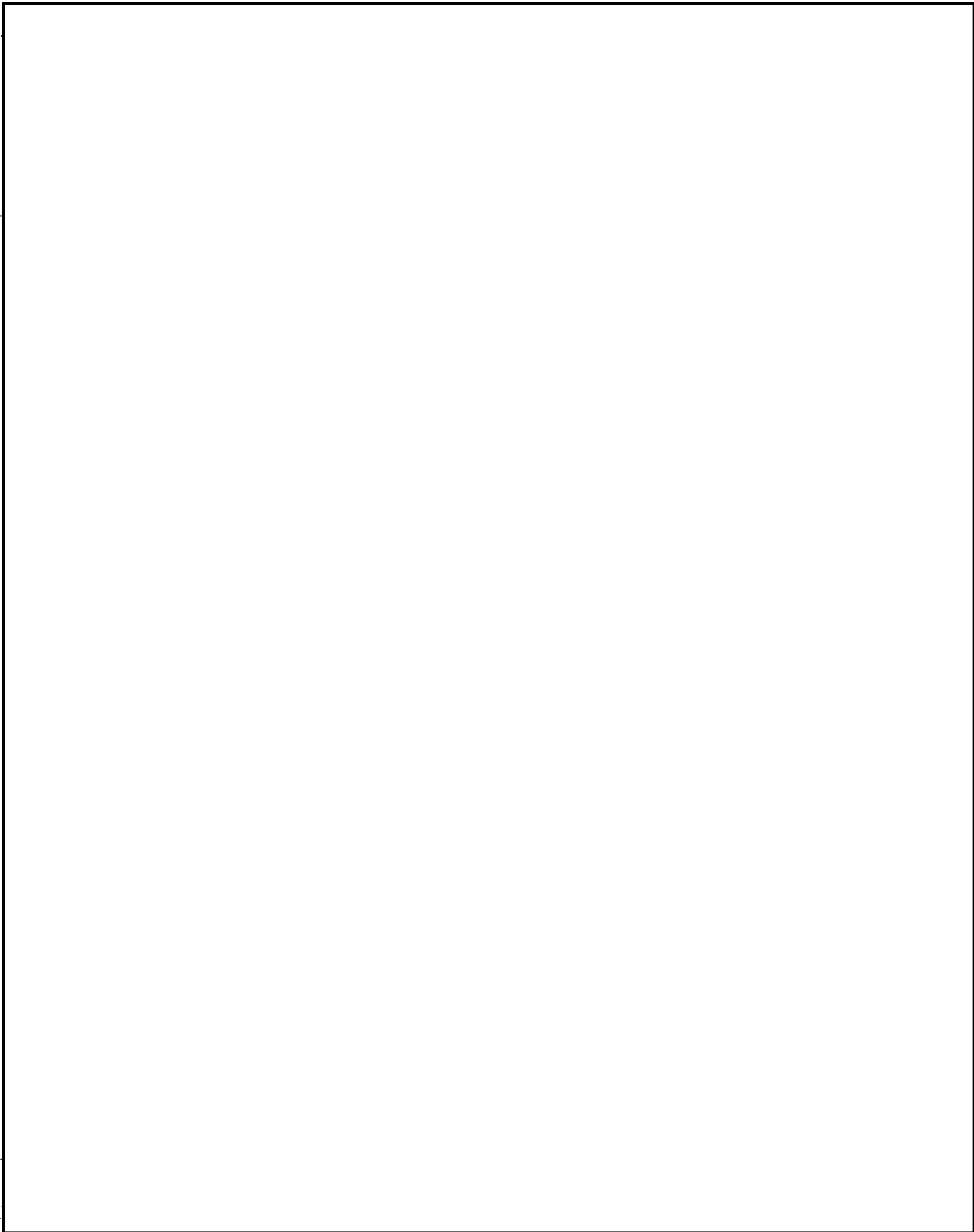
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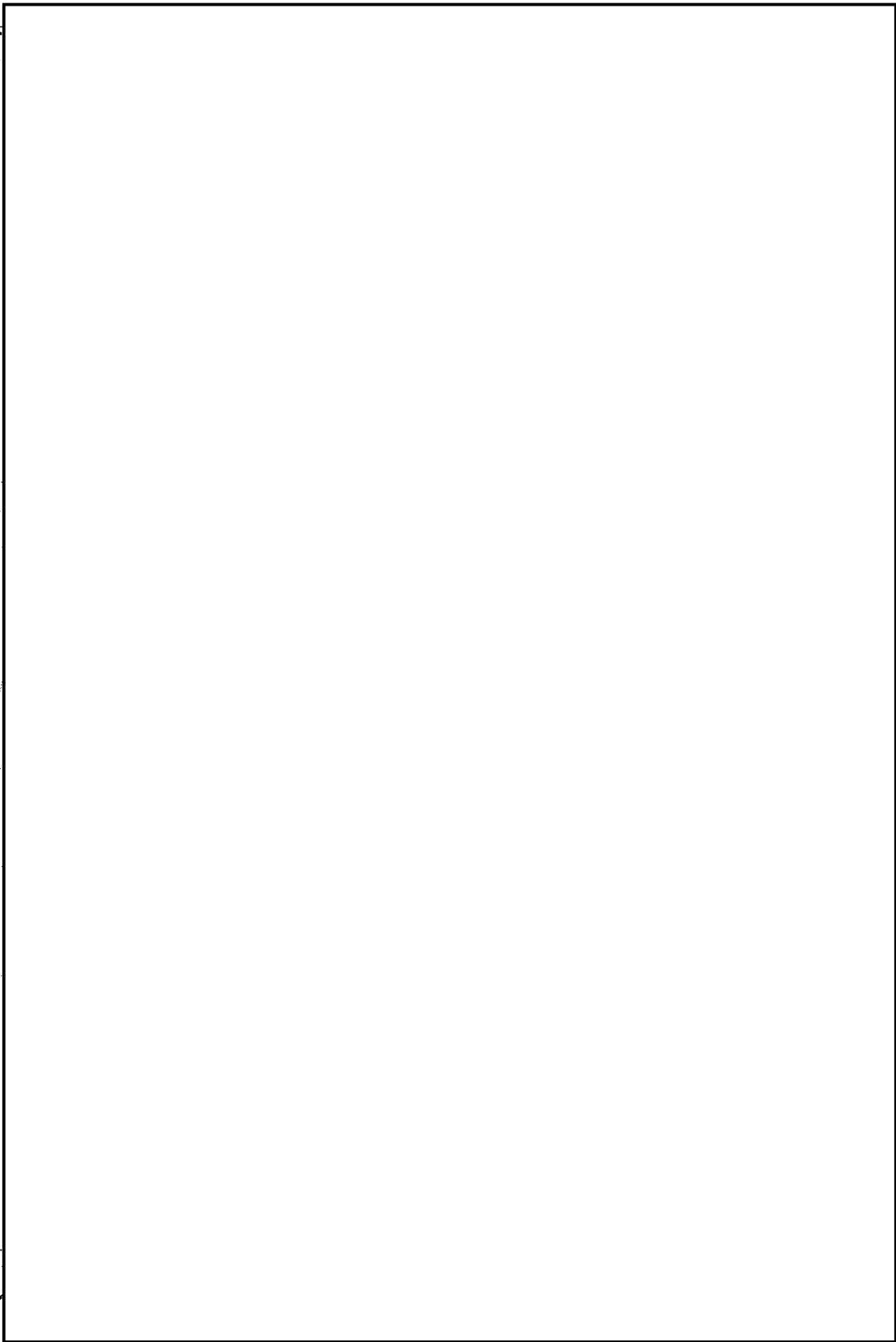
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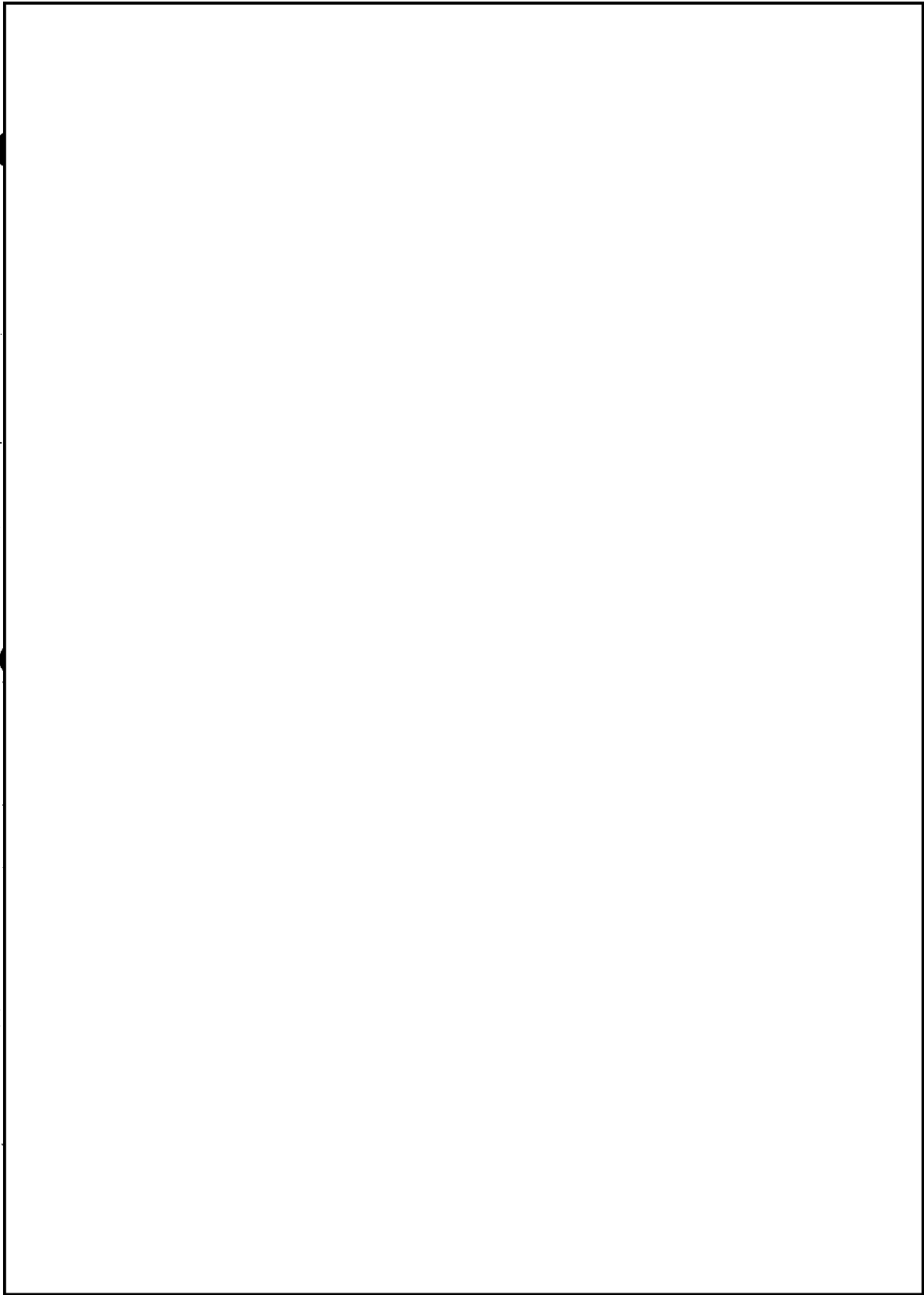
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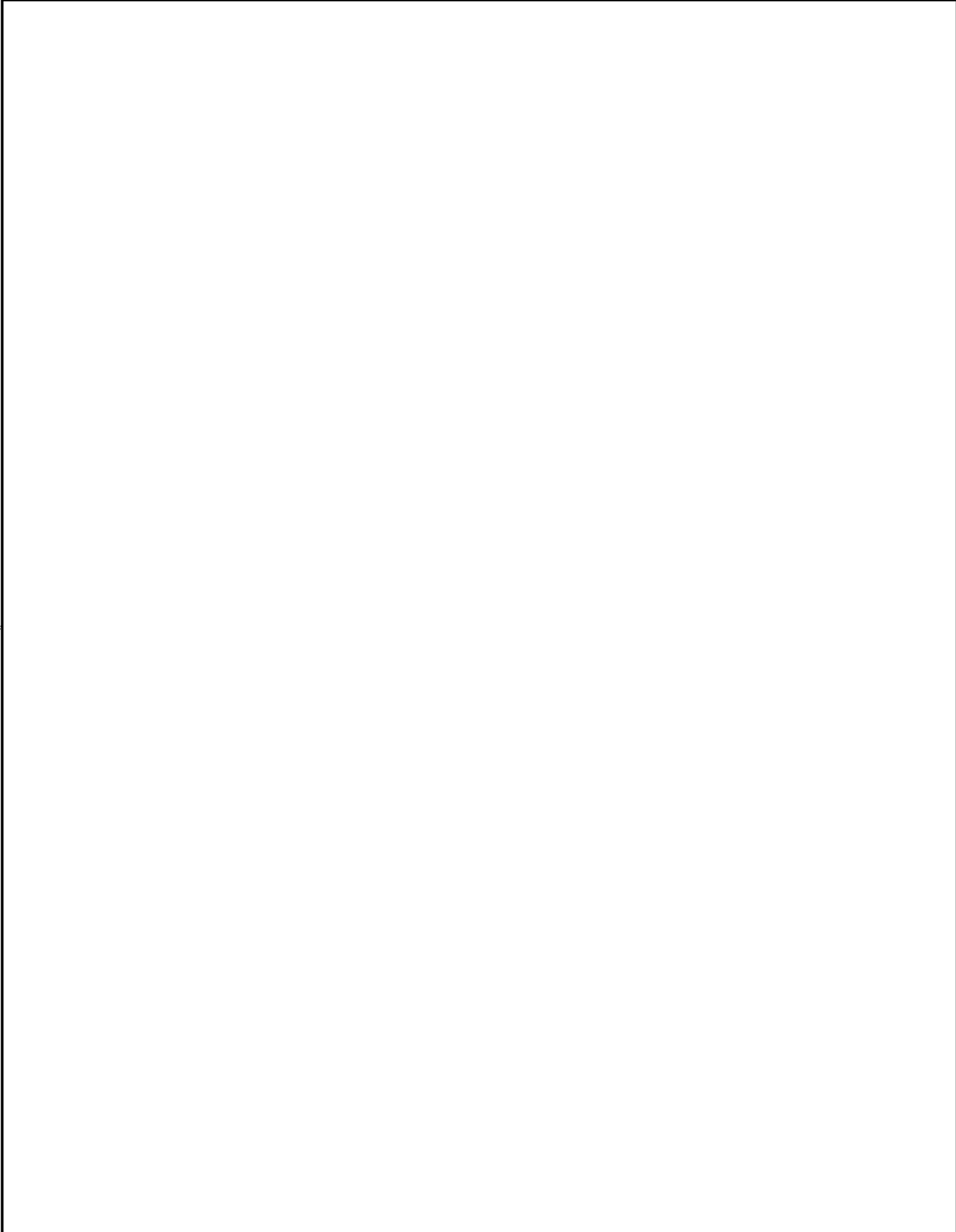
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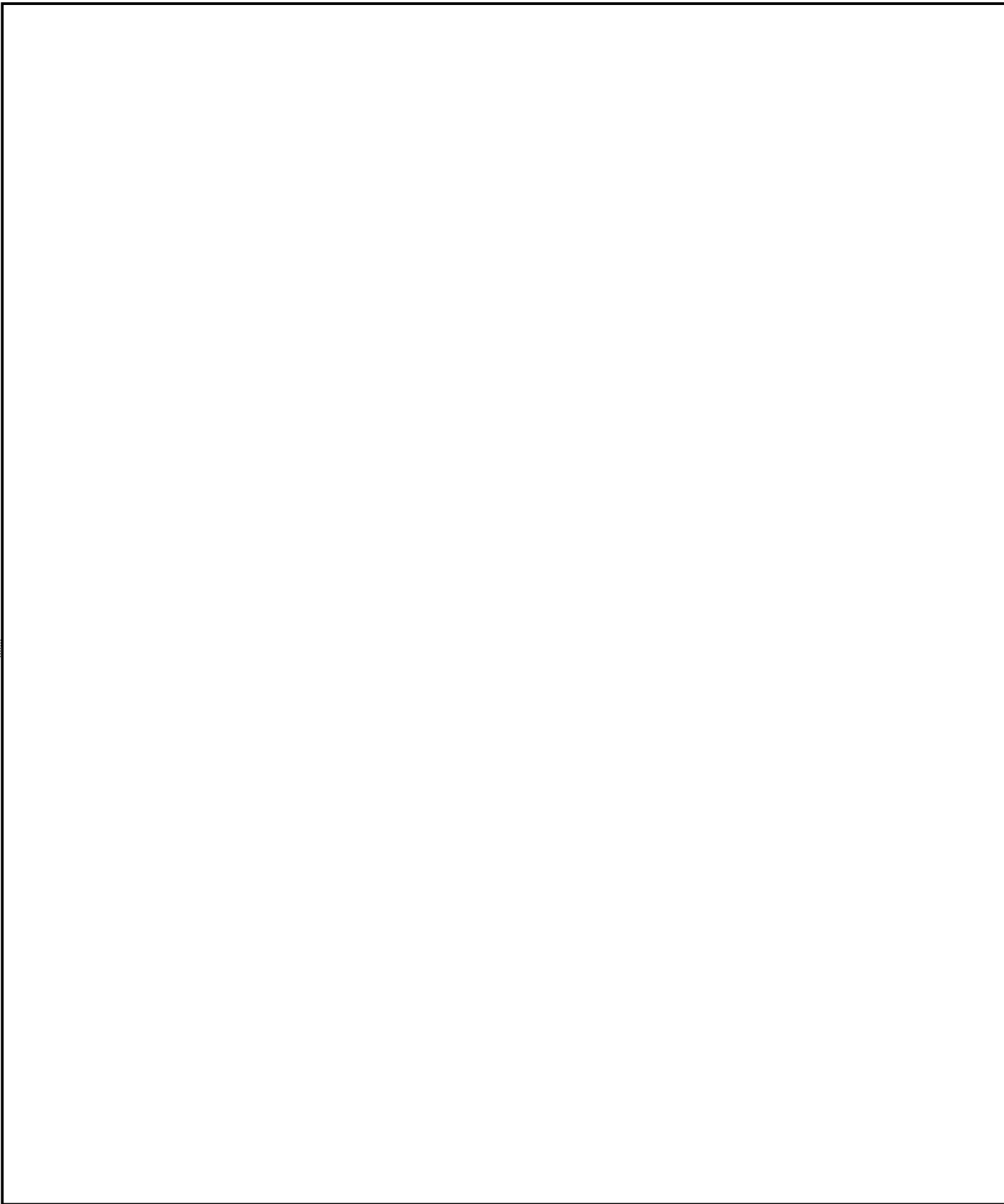
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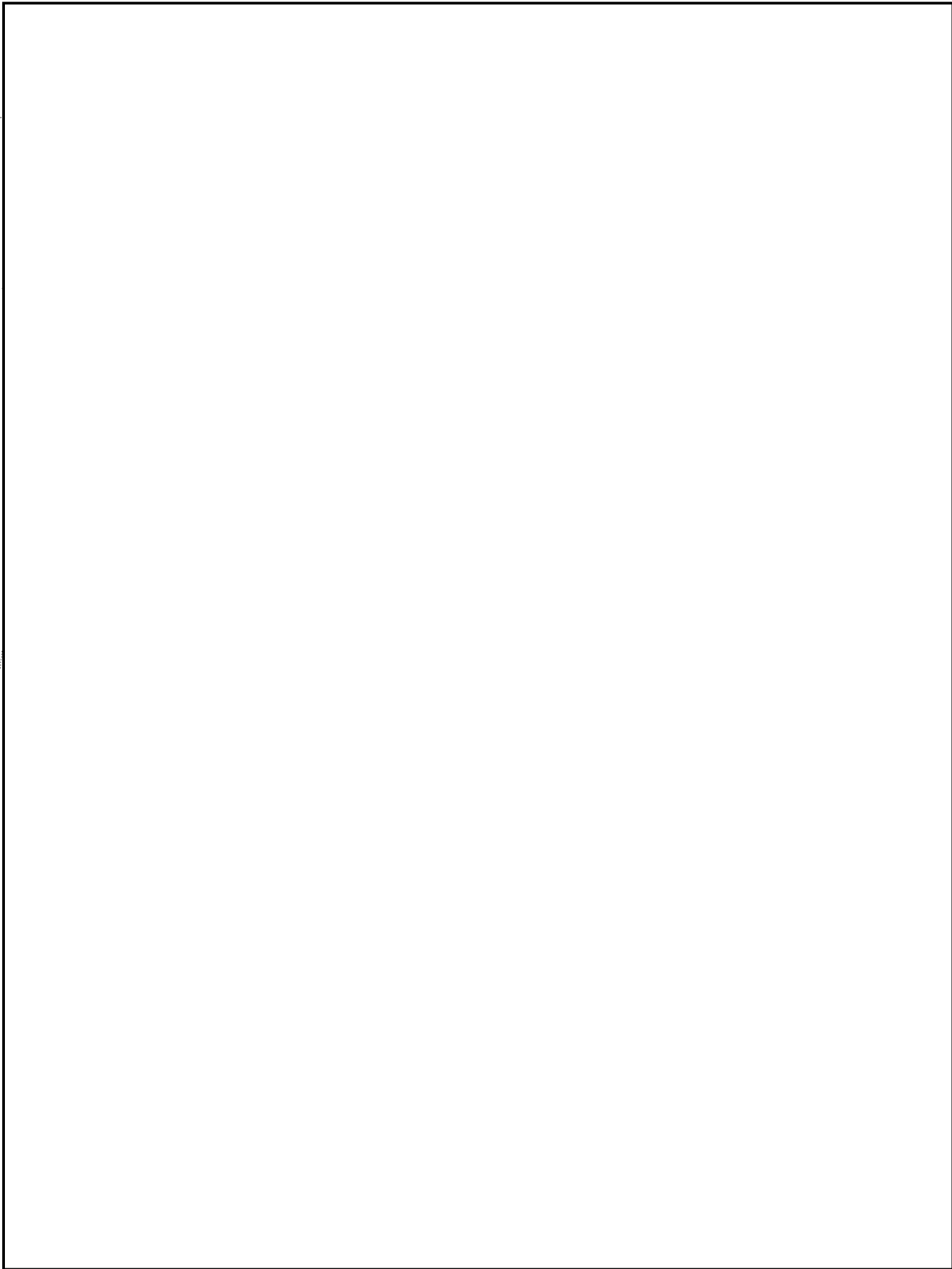
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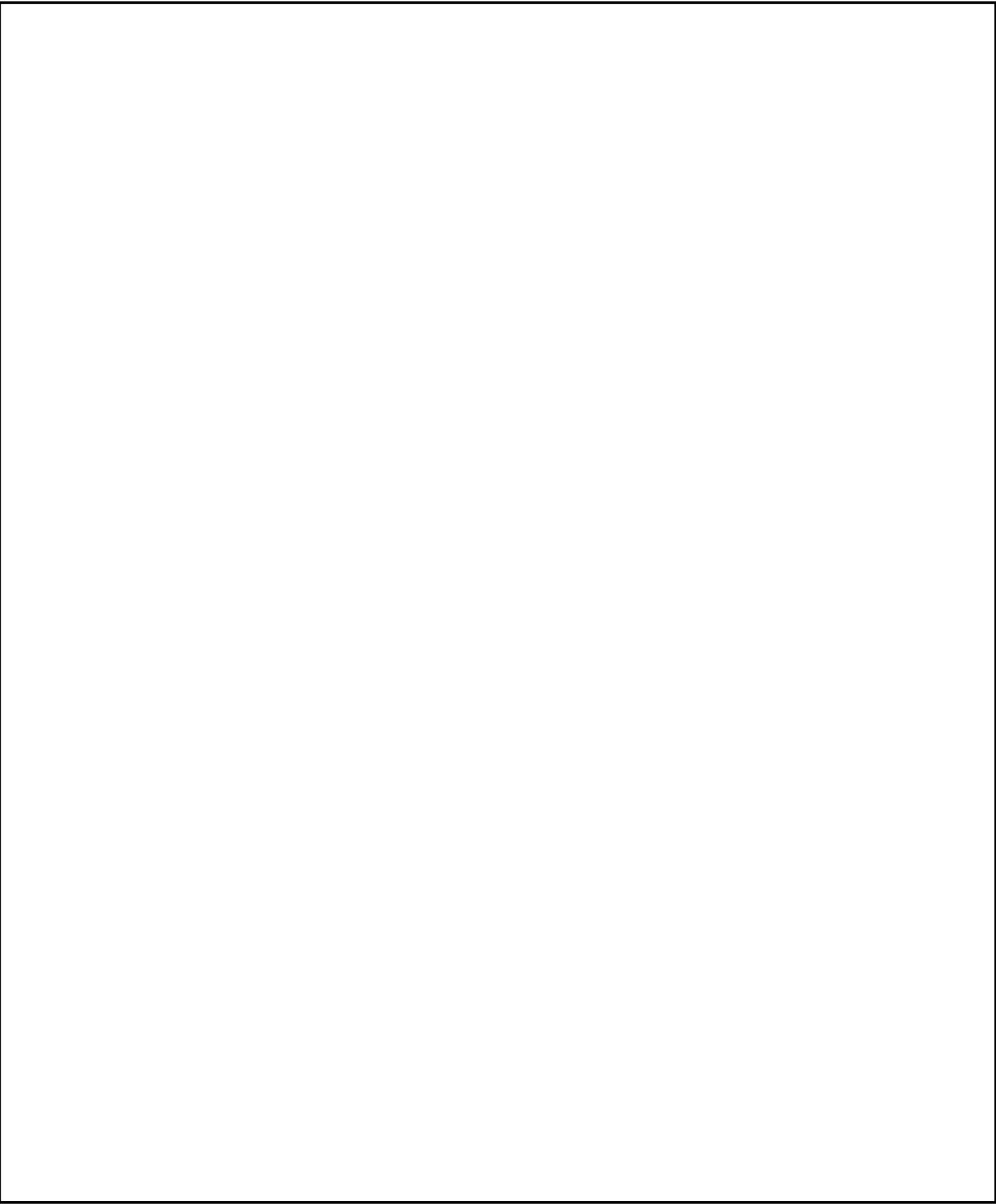
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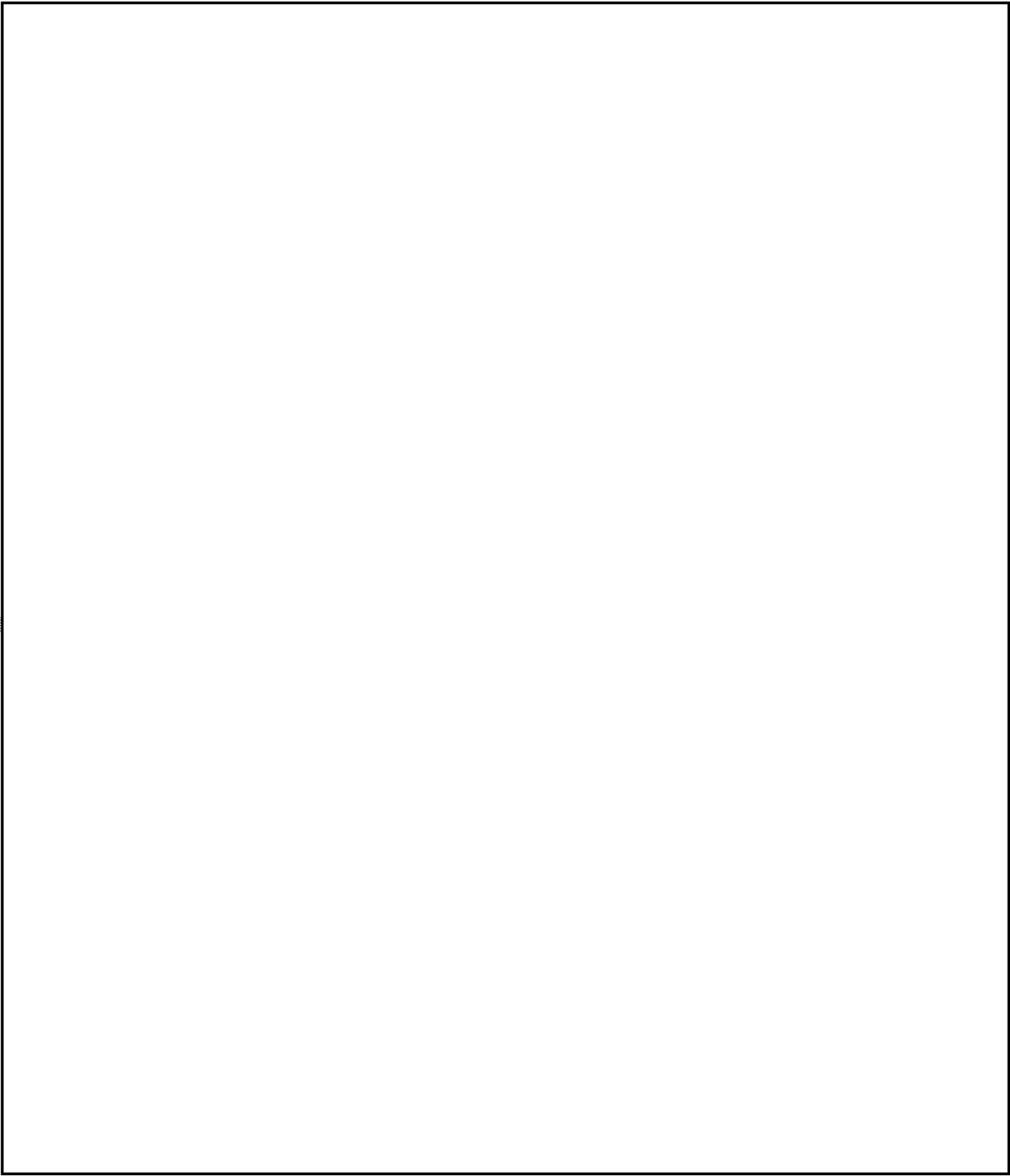
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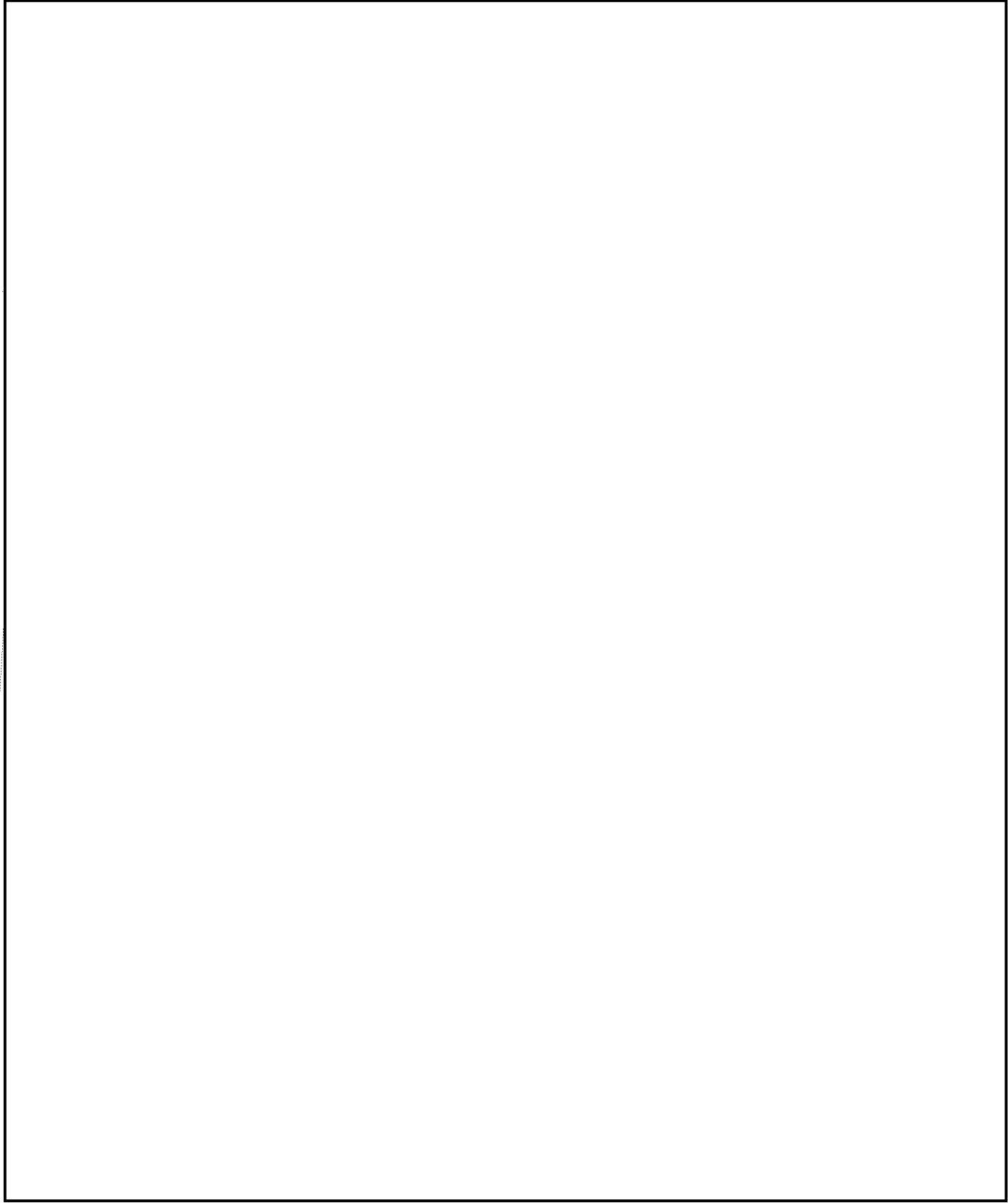
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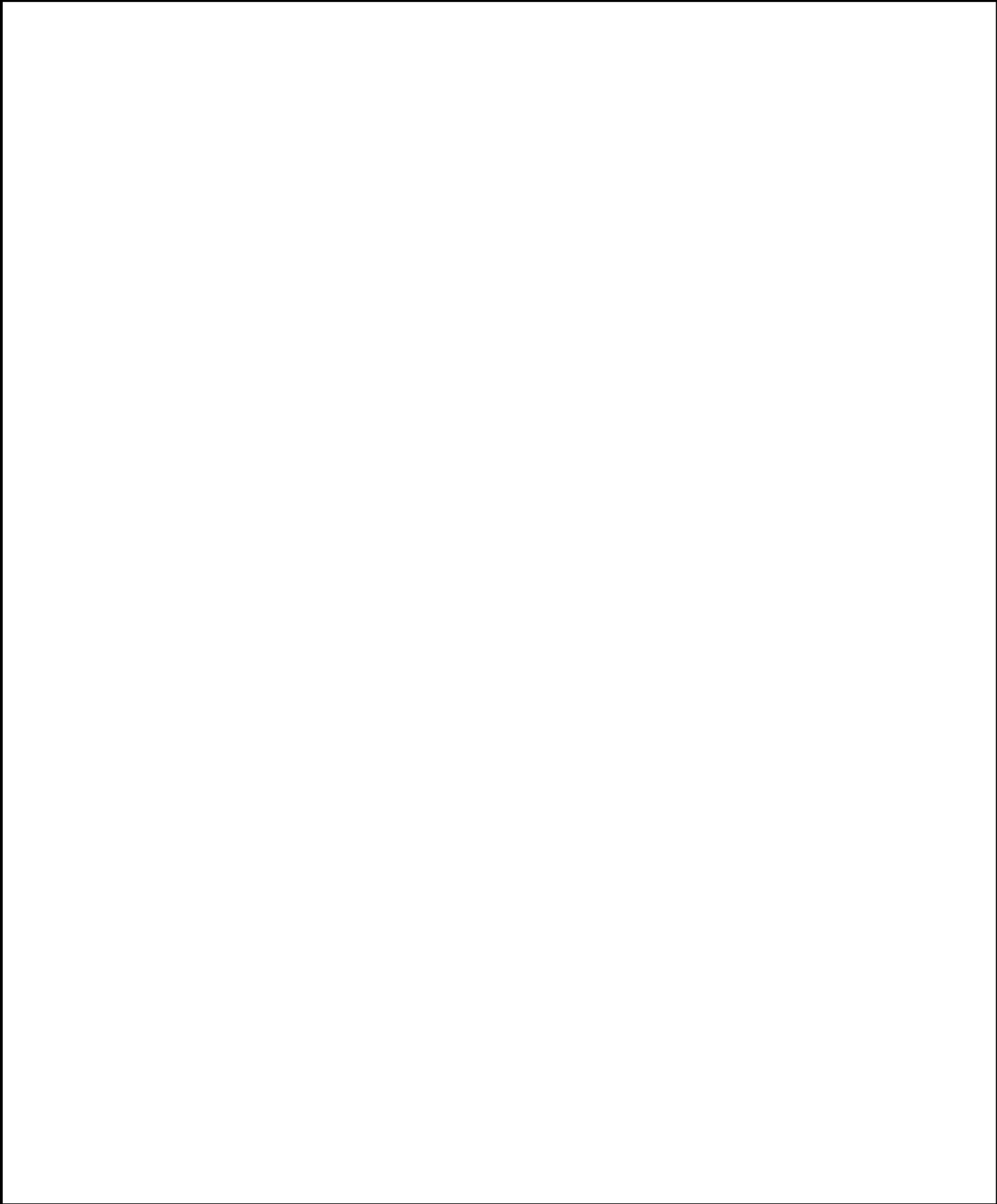
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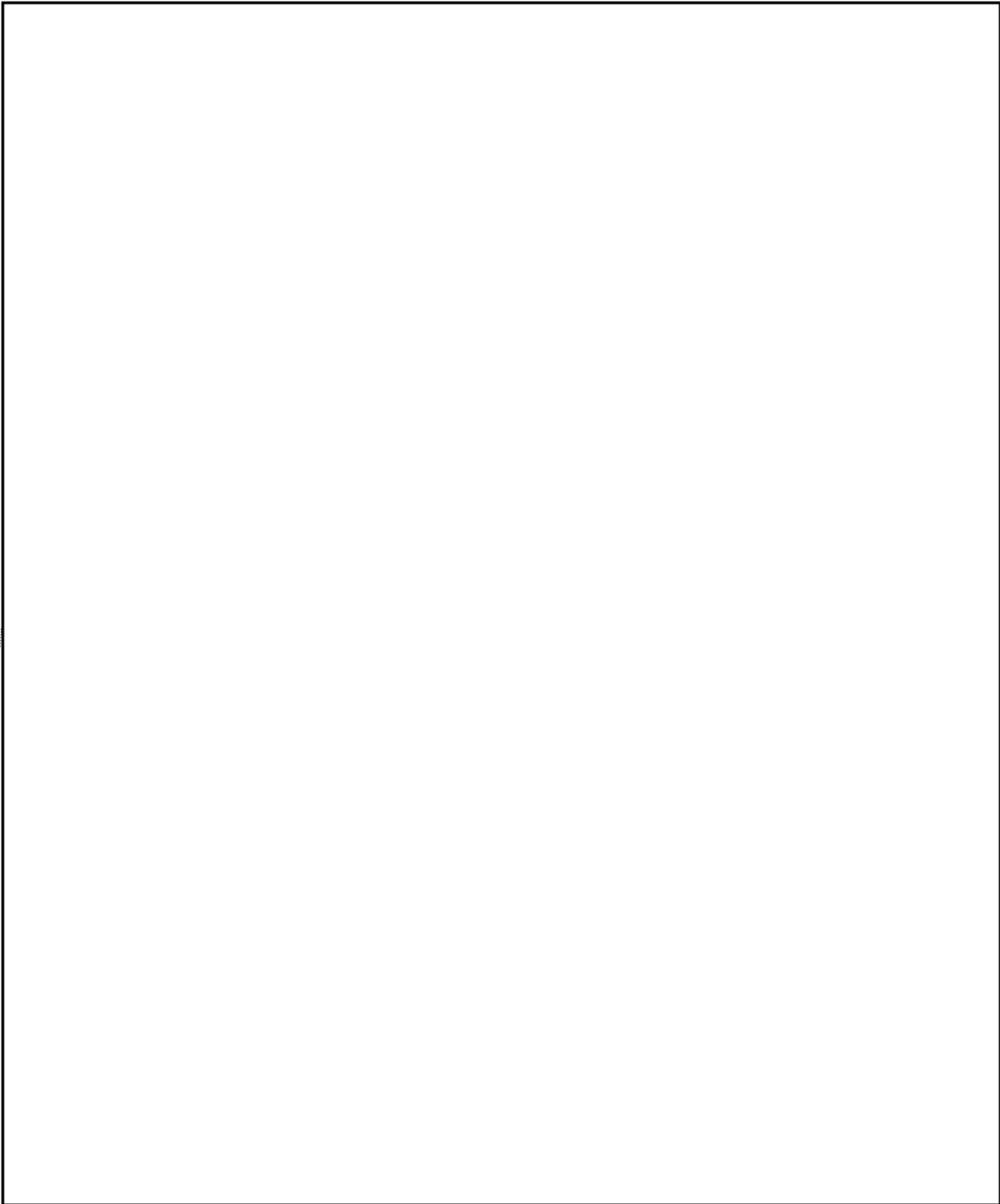
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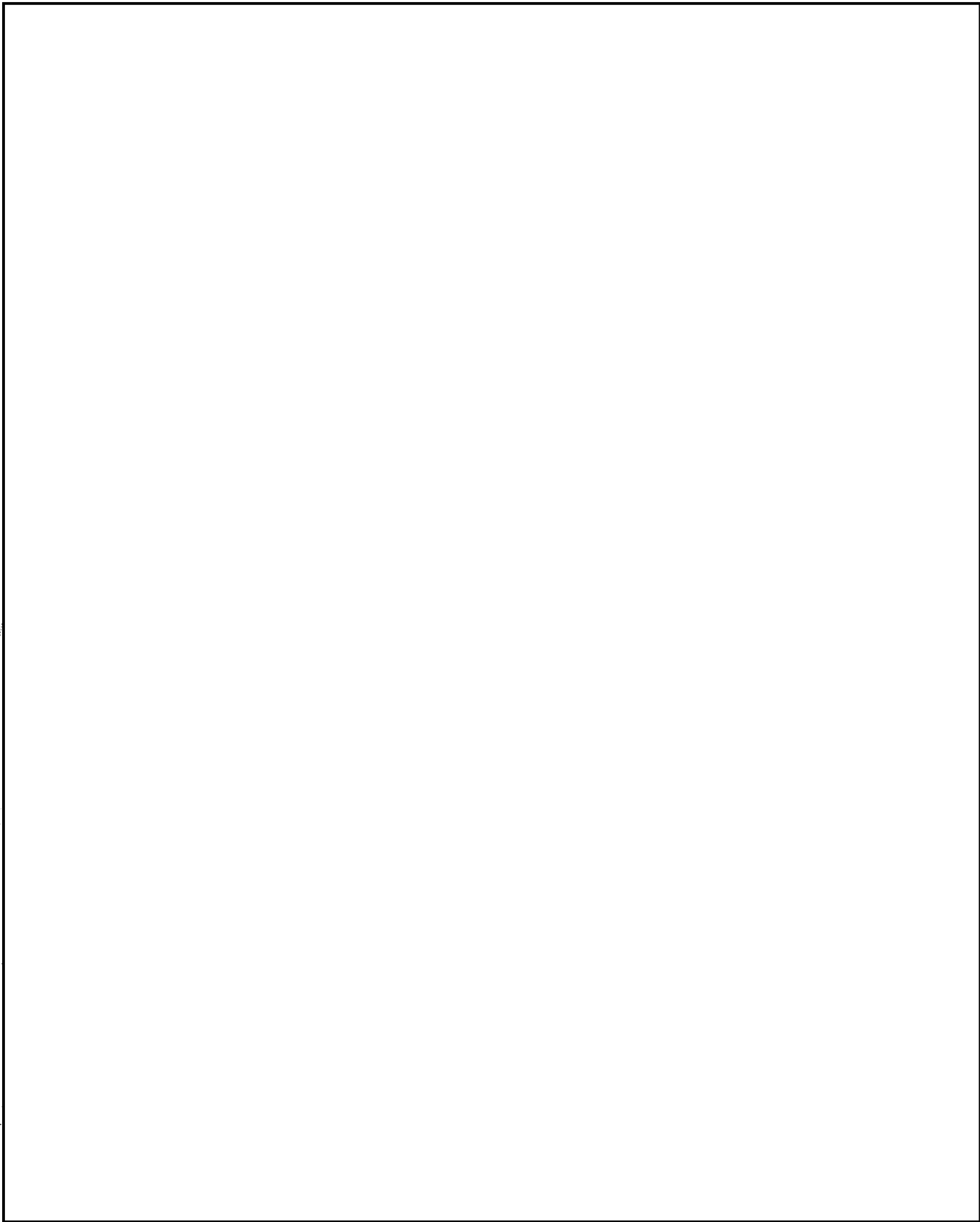
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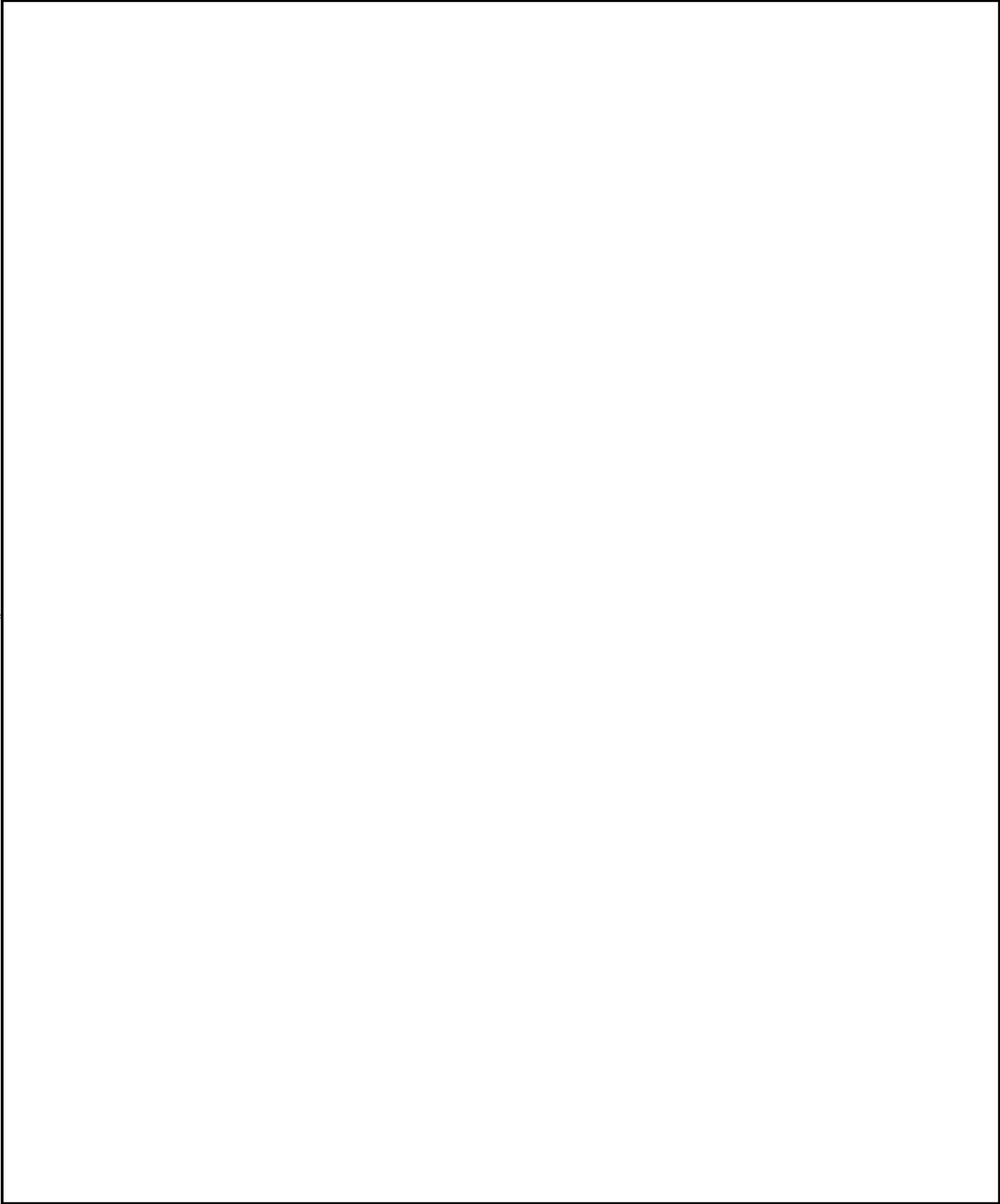
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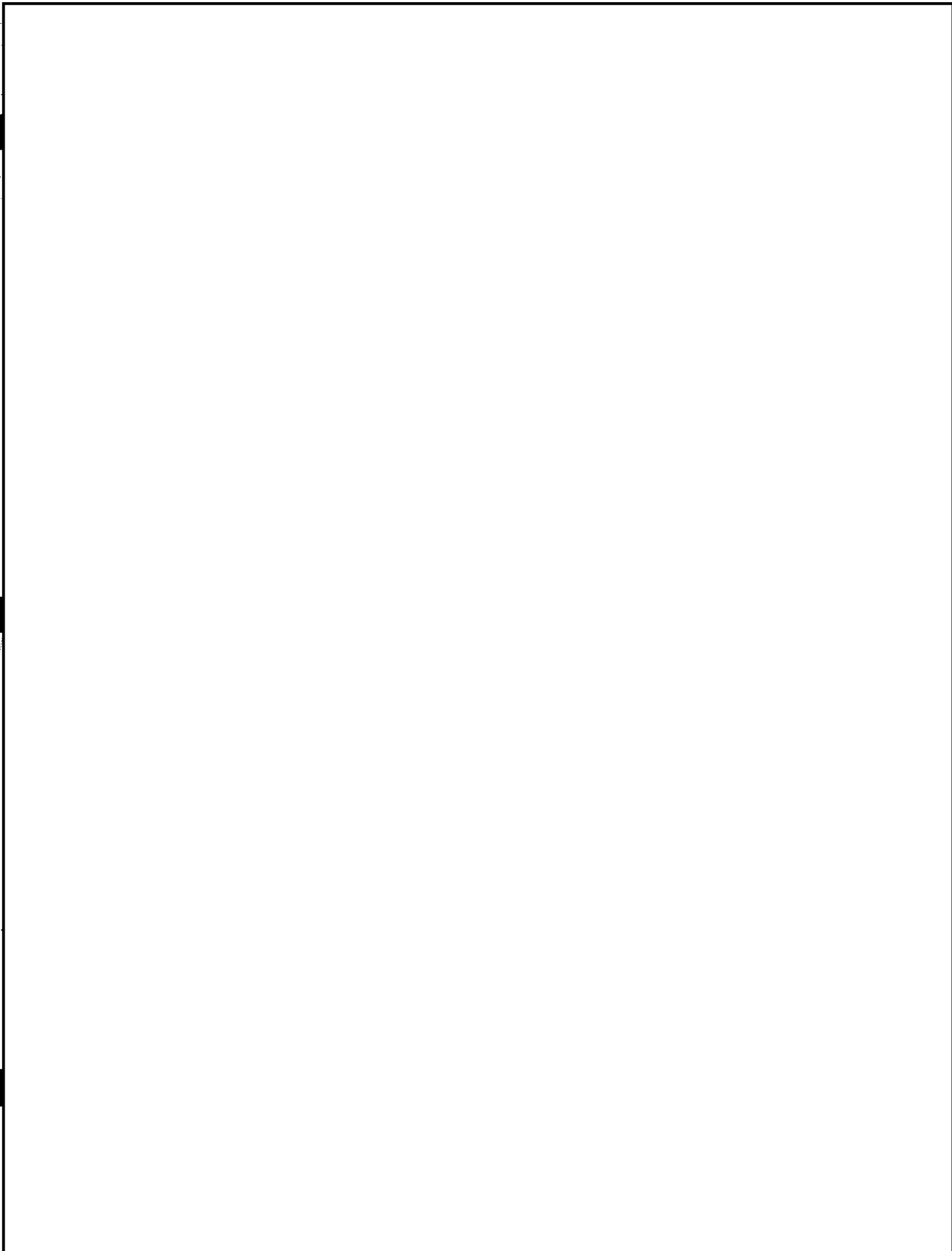
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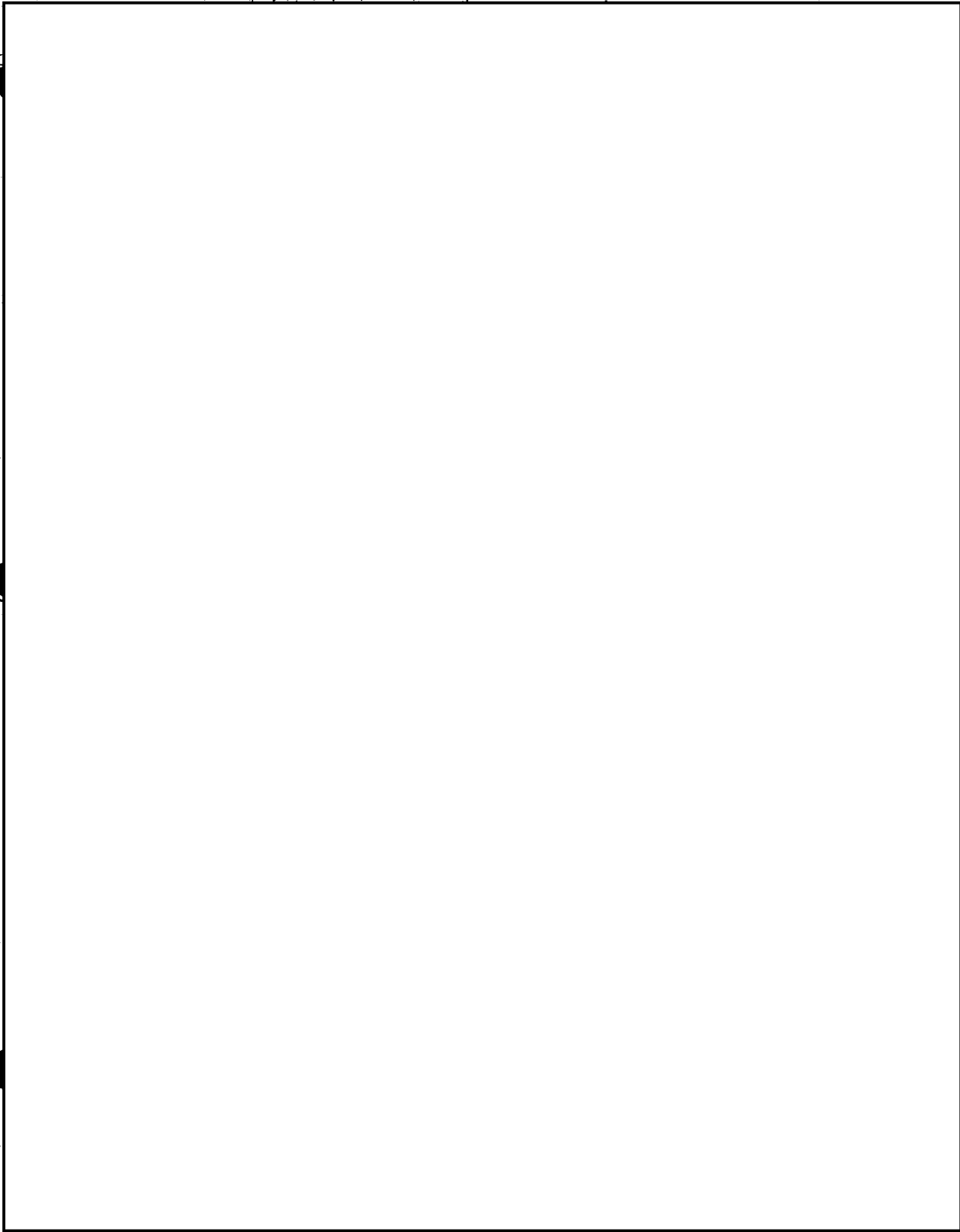
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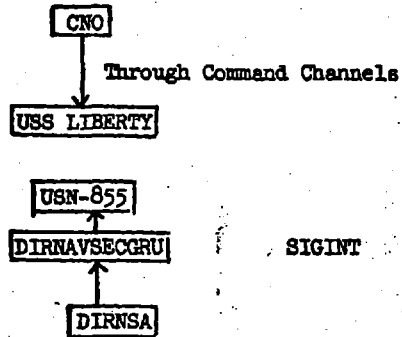
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COMMAND AND CONTROL RESPONSIBILITY

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
NAVAL SECURITY GROUP
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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MANUAL OF U.S. SIGINT OPERATIONS

OPINS No. 2855

12 March 1965

USN 855 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

	<u>SECTION</u>
TASK ELEMENT.....	I
COMMAND RELATIONSHIP.....	II
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COMMUNICATIONS.....	VI
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.....	VII

SECTION I - TASK ELEMENT

U. S. Naval Security Group component (USN 855), aboard the technical research ship USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5).

SECTION II - COMMAND RELATIONSHIP

1. Naval Command and Control Relationships follow:
 - a. The Chief of Naval Operations will exercise operational control of the USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) through normal naval command channels. The ship's operations will be based on tasks expressed by the Director, National Security Agency (DIRNSA) to the Director, Naval Security Group (DIRNAVSECGRU).
 - b. The Naval Security Group component aboard the USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) will be organized within the Operations Department with a separately authorized personnel allowance.

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Management control of this component will be exercised by DIRNAVSECGRU. Military command will be exercised by the Commanding Officer, USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5).

2. SIGINT control relationships follow: (1)

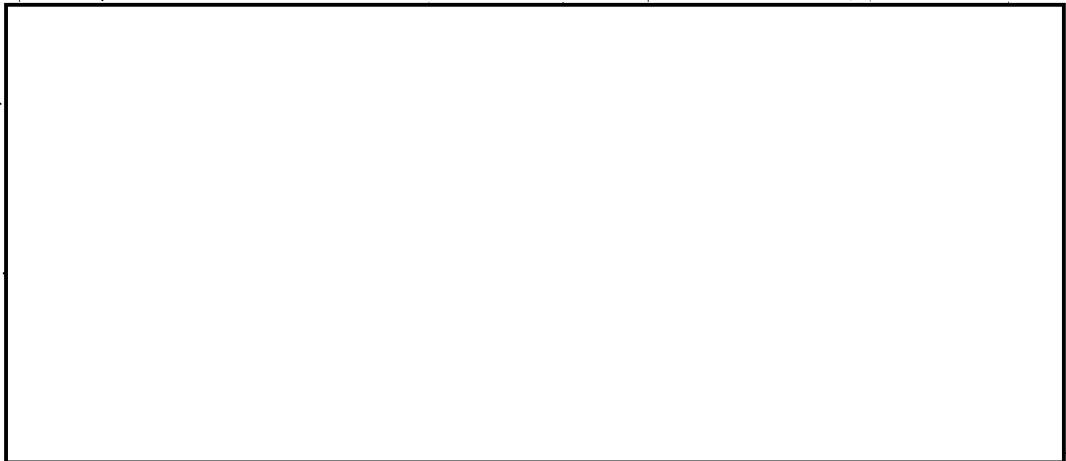
Operational and technical control of the SIGINT mission will be exercised by DIRNSA in accordance with appropriate MUSSO directives.

SECTION III - MISSION

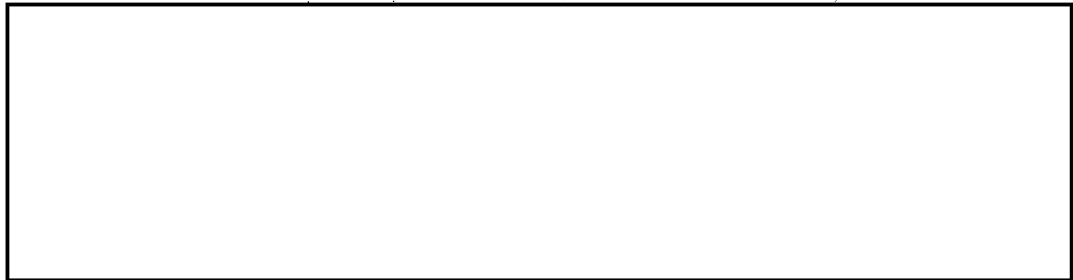
Conduct SIGINT operations as directed in general support of the national SIGINT effort and, as authorized, in direct support of designated U. S. Military Commanders.

SECTION IV - FUNCTIONS

1. Collection.



2. Processing.



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3. Reporting.



4. Distribution.

Distribution of technical and SIGINT product reports will be accomplished in accordance with pertinent TECHINS and current instructions.(10)

5. Technical Support.



b. Continuing technical support will be provided by Director, National Security Agency and on occasion by Director, Naval Security Group.

6. Research and Development (R&D).



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SECTION V - LIAISON



SECTION VI - COMMUNICATIONS

1. Maintain and operate SIGINT communications facilities in order to provide timely SIGINT support to designated SIGINT consumers.
2. Conduct SIGINT communications operations in accordance with established procedures.
3. Use on-line cryptographic communications circuits when possible and appropriate using circuits prescribed in communications plans prepared by the Director, Naval Security Group.

SECTION VII - SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Conduct SIGINT operations in accordance with operational and technical directives provided. Such directives include pertinent MUSSO Documents, NSA Circulars, OPNAV Instructions, DNC Instructions, NAVSECGRU Instructions, and Standing Operating Procedures. Conflicting instructions or directives will be immediately brought to the attention of the Director, National Security Agency and/or Director, Naval Security Group.



Enclosure:

Appendix - References

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APPENDIX to OPINS No. 2855

REFERENCES

(1) Statement of General Operating Policy.

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Note: References have been provided to ensure familiarity with documents of particular concern.

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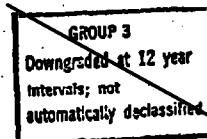
THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

JSM 764 68
4 MAY 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Security Agency
Attention: P212
Commander, Military Sea Transport Service
Attention: M-35
Commander in Chief, Pacific
Attention: J382
Commander in Chief, Atlantic
Attention: JRC
Assistant for JCS Matters, OP60B1

Subject: Recommended Actions Resulting from the
Technical Research Ship Conference (U)

1. (U) A conference was held by the Joint Chiefs of Staff (Joint Reconnaissance Center) on 28 April 1966 to discuss scheduling and operational control of Technical Research Ships.
2. (U) As a result of the discussions the conferees recommended that certain actions be taken which are summarized in the attachment.
3. (U) In the interest of improving Technical Research Ship operations, addressees are encouraged to carry out the recommendations of the conferees.



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4. (S) This memorandum and attachment is classified SECRET because it associates the National Security Agency with seaborne SIGINT platforms.

Attachment
a/s

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COMSTLANF (L-36), Mr. Kyle
COMSERVRON 8 (Cdr Jordan)
CINCLANTFLT (LCdr Olson)
NAVSECGRU HQS (Lt Bragoner)

Ralph D. Steakley

RALPH D STEAKLEY
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Director
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Operations Directorate

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ATTACHMENT

RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES FOR PLANNING AND APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIP SCHEDULES

1. (S) USNS ships (VALDEZ and MULLER) operating in CINCLANT's area of responsibility:

a. The following procedures should be used in the planning and approval of routine schedules:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>TO</u>
DIRNSA	States requirements	CINCLANT
CINCLANT	Passes for planning action	CINCLANTFLT
CINCLANTFLT	Passes for planning action	COMSTSLANT
COMSTSLANT	Prepares plan to fulfill requirement including dates/areas of operations, CPA's in transit and passes for approval	CINCLANTFLT
CINCLANTFLT	Requests approval	CINCLANT
CINCLANT	Requests approval	JCS/JRC
JCS/JRC	Obtains CNO concurrence and approves proposal	CINCLANT
CINCLANT	Directs action	CINCLANTFLT
CINCLANTFLT	Passes for action	COMSTSLANT
COMSTSLANT	Issues sailing orders	USNS ships

b. The following procedures should be used in making changes to approved schedules:

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JCS/JRC	Obtains CNO concurrence, approves change and requests action	CINCLANT
CINCLANT	Directs action	CINCLANTFLT
CINCLANTFLT	Passes for action	COMSTSLANT
COMSTSLANT	Issues sailing orders	USNS ships

c. The following commands should be addrees on all messages pertaining to schedules or schedule changes:

JCS/JRC

CNO

CINCLANT

COMSTS

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COMSTSLANT

DIRNSA

DIRNAVSECGRU

ADIRNAVSECGRU

DIRNAVSECGRULANT

NOTE: The ship involved is not an addree on these messages

d. COMSTSLANT reserves the sole right to issue movement/sailing orders to the ship.

2. (S) USS ships operating in CINCLANT's area of responsibility:

a. The following procedures should be used in the planning and approval of routine schedules:

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<u>FROM</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>TO</u>
DIRNSA	States requirement	CINCLANT ¹
COMSERVRON 8	Prepares plan to fulfill requirement including dates/areas of operations, CFA's in transit and passes for approval	COMSERVLANT
COMSERVLANT	Requests approval	CINCLANTFLT
CINCLANTFLT	Requests approval	CINCLANT
CINCLANT	Requests approval	JCS/JRC
JCS/JRC	Obtains CNO concurrence and approves proposal	CINCLANT
CINCLANT	Directs action	CINCLANTFLT
CINCLANTFLT	Passes for action	COMSERVLANT
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COMSERVLANT	Passes for action	COMSERVRON 8
COMSERVRON 8	Issues sailing orders	USS ships

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COMSERVRON 8

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DIRNAVSECGRULANT

NOTE: The ship involved is not an addree on these messages.

3. (S) The Director, National Security Agency should state requirements a minimum of 60 days prior to ship sailing.

4. (U) The Joint Reconnaissance Center, Joint Chiefs of Staff, requires that schedules be received on or before the 20th day of the month preceeding the month for which the schedule is submitted for approval.

5. (U) Ships operating in CINCPAC's area of responsibility will continue to be scheduled using procedures in effect.

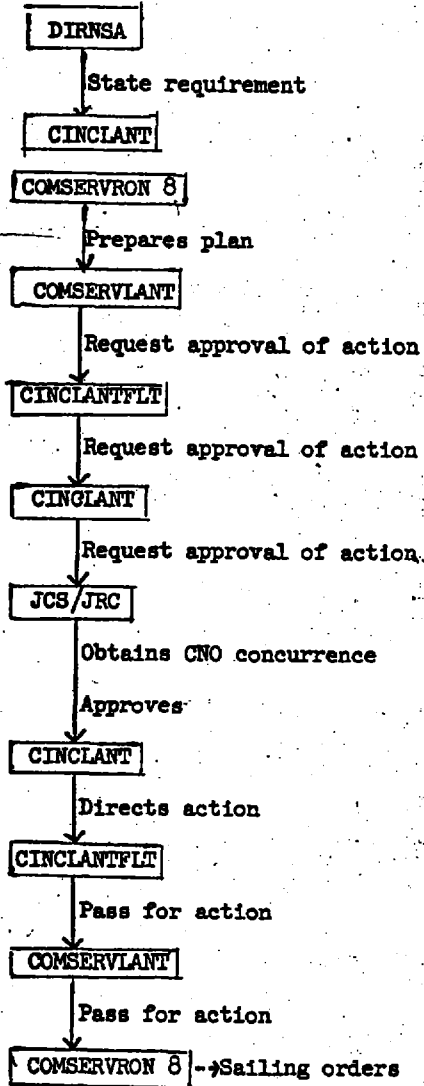
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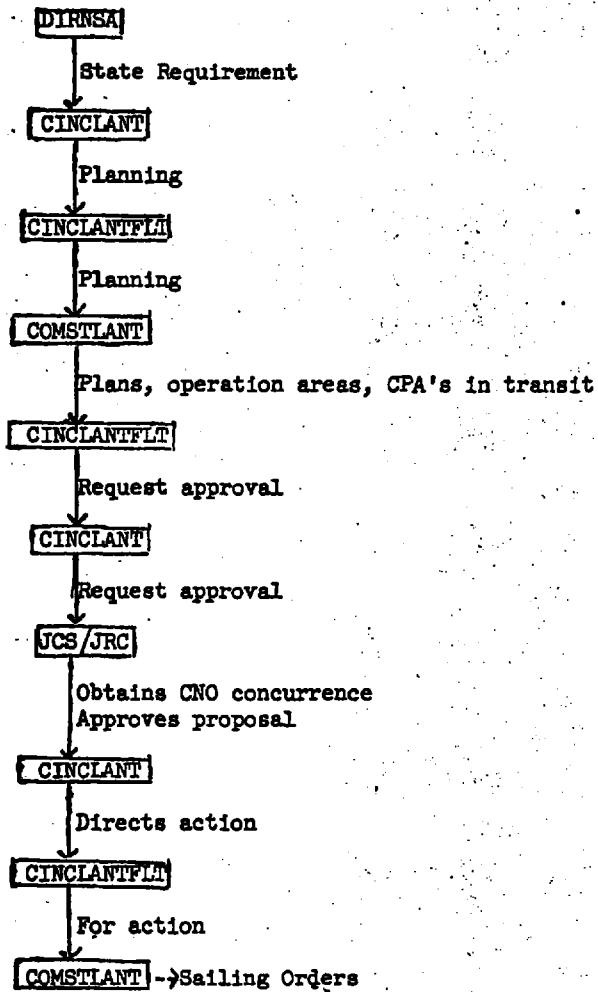
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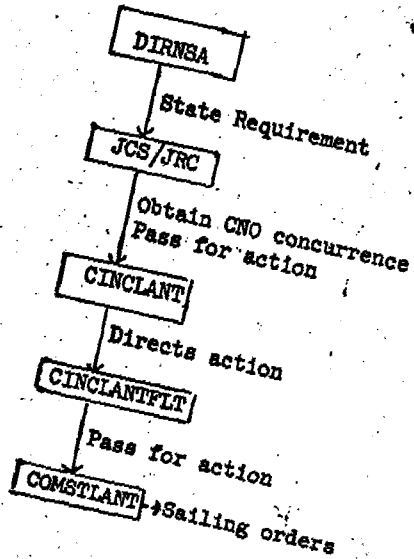
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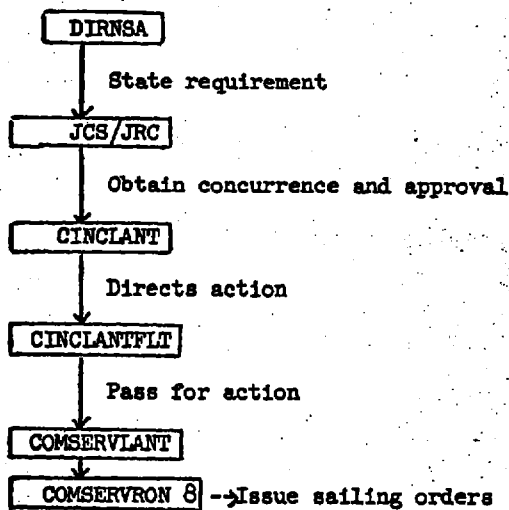
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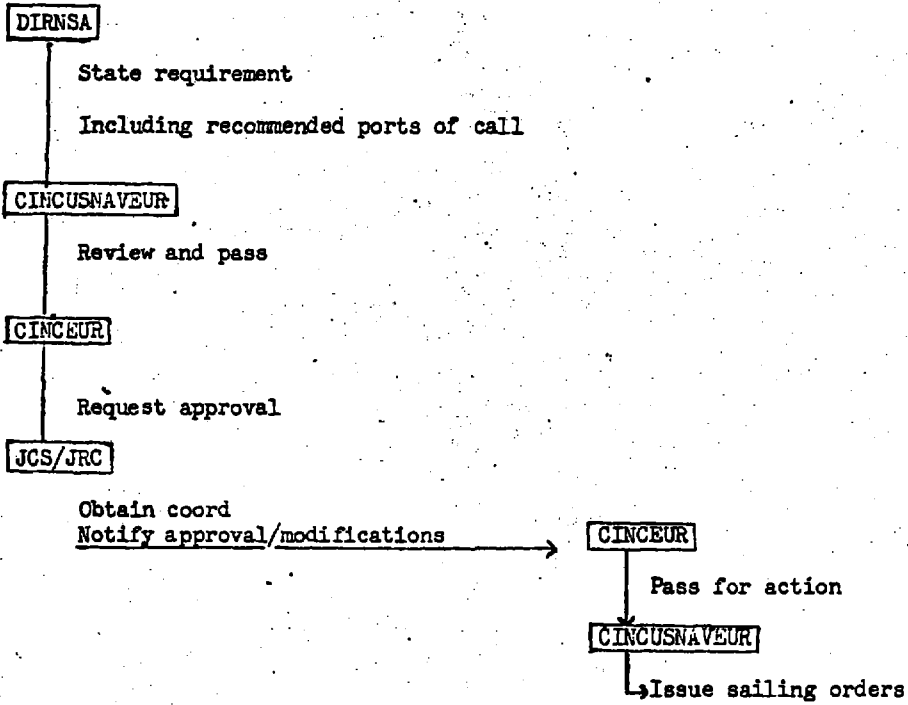
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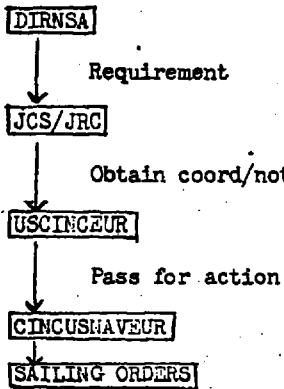
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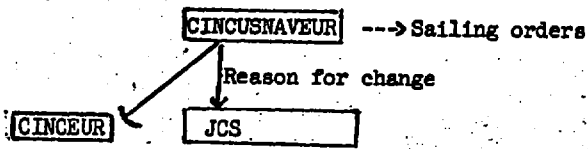


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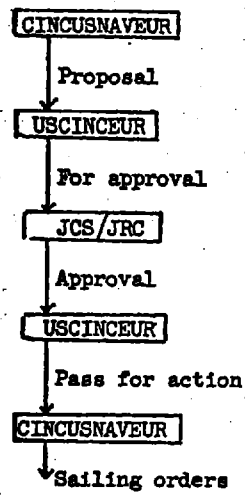


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SUBJ: USS LIBERTY (U)

REFS: A. JCS 6724 011545Z JUN 67

B. JCS 5838/052235Z NOV 65 (NOTAL)

1. (S) REQUEST PROCEDURES OUTLINED HEREIN BE
 FOLLOWED IN DEVELOPING SCHEDULES FOR LIBERTY WHILE
 OPERATING IN USCINCEUR'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY:

A. PLANNING-APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MONTHLY SKED:

(1) DIRNSA STATE REQUIREMENTS TO CINCUSNAVEUR
INCLUDING RECOMMENDED PORT OF CALL.

(2) CINCUSNAVEUR PREPARE SKED TO FULFILL
REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING DATES/AREAS OF OPS, CPA'S, PORTS
OF CALL FOR LOGISTICS AND PASS PLAN TO USCINCEUR.

(3) USCINCEUR REVIEW AND PASS SKED TO JCS (JRC)

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FOR APPROVAL. PROPOSED SKEDS ARE REQUIRED BY JCS NLT
20TH OF THE MONTH PRECEEDING THE MONTH FOR WHICH THE
SKED IS SUBMITTED.

(4) JCS(JRC) OBTAIN NECESSARY COORDINATION
AND NOTIFY USCINCEUR OF APPROVAL OR MODIFICATIONS.

(5) USCICCEUR PASS FOR ACTION.

(6) CINCUSNAVEUR ISSUE SAILING ORDERS.

B. MODIFICATION OF APPROVED SKED DUE TO CHANGES
IN TECHNICAL TASKING:

(1) DIRNSA STATE REQUIREMENT TO JCS(JRC).

(2) JCS(JRC) OBTAIN NECESSARY COORDINATION
AND NOTIFY USCINCEUR OF MODIFICATION.

(3) USCINCEUR PASS FOR ACTION.

(4) CINCUSANAVEUR ISSUE SAILING ORDERS.

C. MODIFICATION OF APPROVED SKED INVOLVING A
CHANGE OF 48 HOURS OR LESS FOR OPSRATIONAL REASONS:

(1) CINCUSNAVEUR ISSUS SAILING ORDERS AND
INFORM JCS(JRC) AND USCINCEUR OF REASON FOR THE CHANGE.

D. MODIFICATION OF APPROVED SKED INVOLVING A CHANGE
OF MORE THAN 48 HOURS FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS:

(1) CINCUSNAVEUR PASS PROPOSED MODIFICATION
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(2) USCINCEUR REVIEW AND PASS TO JCS (JRC) FOR

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(3) JCS (JRC) OBTAIN NECESSARY COORDINATION AND NOTIFY USCINCEUR OF APPROVAL.

(4) USCINCEUR PASS FOR ACTION.

(5) CINCUSNAVEUR ISSUE SAILING ORDERS.

2. (U) REF A IS THE EXISTING APPROVED SKED FOR JUNE 1967.

3. (U) THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE ADDRESSEES ON ALL MESSAGES PERTAINING TO SKSDS OR SKED CHANGES:

JCS (JRC)

CNO

USCINCEUR

CINCUSNAVEUR

DIRNSA

DIRNAVSECGRU

HQNSAEUR

DIRNAVSECGRUEUR

NSAEUR OFF FRANKFURT GERMANY

ADIRNAVSECGRU

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4. (U) REF B PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR TRS OPS.

5. (U) FOR NSA: REQUEST YOU PROVIDE CINCUSNAVEUR YOUR RECOMMENDED JULY SKED ASAP.

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SUBJ: CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR TRS OPERATIONS (U)

REFS: A. DIRNSA DIR/115, DTG 012307Z SEP (NOTAL)

B. CNO MEMO OP-922YE/RH 00030P92, 27 OCT (NOTAL)

1. (TS) SUGGESTED GUIDANCE WAS PROVIDED BY THE REFERENCES FOR CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS OF TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIPS.

THE FOLLOWING REFLECTS INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REF AND IS ISSUED FOR USE IN GENERAL PLANNING FOR SIGINT SUPPORT OF CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS WHEN REQUIRED:

A. DESCRIPTION. SPECIAL MODIFIED FORMER MERCHANT SHIPS CONFIGURED TO CARRY OUT THEIR ELECTRONIC MISSION.

B. MISSION. TO COLLECT COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNALS FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES, UNDER TASKING OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY (NSA), IN SATISFACTION

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OF HIGH PRIORITY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS.

(1) CLASSIFICATION OF MISSION, AND ANY ASSOCIATION WITH NSA OR THE NAVAL SECURITY GROUP (NSG):
CONFIDENTIAL.

(2) CLASSIFICATION OF DETAILS OF SPECIFIC NATURE OF MISSION: REQUIRES HANDLING THROUGH SPECIAL CHANNELS AND WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICABLE SIGINT SUPPORT PLAN.

(3) DIVERSION FROM MISSION. THE TRS IS TO BE EMPLOYED FOR SIGINT PURPOSES ONLY. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY WILL BE MADE ONLY DURING AN EMERGENCY IN WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF JCS PUB 2 (UNIFIED ACTION ARMED FORCES), PARAGRAPHS 30229 AND 30248 APPLY.

C. [] THE MISSION OF THE TRS IS TO CONDUCT TECHNICAL RESEARCH OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF US NAVY ELECTRONIC RESEARCH PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PROPAGATION STUDIES AND ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, SUCH AS MOON RELAY AND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS.

D. CONTROL OF TRS.

(1) OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF SHIP. MILITARY OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THESE SHIPS WILL BE EFFECTED BY THE COGNIZANT UNIFIED OR SPECIFIED COMMANDER THROUGH THE NAVAL COMPONENT COMMANDER TO A SPECIFIC FLEET OR FORCE COMMANDER.

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(2) OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF ALL
SIGINT ACTIVITIES (COLLECTION, PROCESSING, REPORTING) ON
BOARD SHIP. BY DIRECTOR, NSA (VIA DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS
TO SHIP OR THROUGH THE DIRECTOR, NSG).

(3) BASIS FOR COLLECTION AREA ASSIGNMENTS:

(A) SIGNAL AUDIBILITY AND OTHER TECHNICAL
FACTORS DETERMINED BY NSA TO BE NECESSARY TO MEET STATED
REQUIREMENTS, AND

(B) DETERMINATION BY MILITARY OPERATIONAL
COMMANDERS THAT THE OPERATION REQUIRED BY NSA IS COM-
PATIBLE WITH THE SAFETY OF THE SHIP.

(C) CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE MILITARY
COMMANDER INVOLVED AND THE SIGINT TASKING AUTHORITY IS
REQUIRED TO INSURE MAXIMUM RESPONSE TO INTELLIGENCE
REQUIREMENTS AND MAXIMUM SECURITY OF THE SHIP.

E. SIGINT SUPPORT OF COMMANDERS.

(1) COMMAND CONTINGENCY AND LIMITED WAR PLANS:

(A) TRS MAY BE UTILIZED BY DIRNSA TO PROVIDE
SUPPORT TO THE MILITARY COMMANDER, IN ADDITION TO PRIMARY
MISSIONS.

(B) COMMANDER MAY LEVY IMMEDIATE SIGINT SUPPORT
REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES TO BE ESTABLISHED.

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(C) DIRNSA, OR HIS FIELD REPRESENTATIVES WHEN SO AUTHORIZED, WILL:

1. ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO RECEIVE AND ACT LOCALLY ON COMMAND REQUIREMENTS.
2. EFFECT PROMPT TASKING OF SIGINT RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE TRS, WHICH MAY BE ASSIGNED TO AN AREA TO SUPPORT A GIVEN CONTINGENCY SITUATION.

(D) CONTROL OF TRS:

1. OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF SHIP: SAME AS IN ROUTINE OPERATIONS (SEE PARAGRAPH D(1) ABOVE).
2. OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF ALL SIGINT ACTIVITIES: SAME AS IN ROUTINE OPERATIONS (SEE PARAGRAPH D(2) ABOVE).

F. COMMAND OPLANS:

(1) NSA REPRESENTATIVES ACCREDITED TO COMMANDS: WORK WITH COMMAND PLANNERS IN DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE WORDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE SIGINT APPENDIX TO THE INTELLIGENCE ANNEX OF COMMAND OPLANS IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE NSA DETERMINES THE TRS WILL BE EMPLOYED.

(2) NSA: INFORM USCINCSOUTH (NO NSA REPRESENTATIVE ACCREDITED) OF INSTANCES WHERE TRS WILL BE EMPLOYED. GP-3

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SUBJ: TRS OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN WATERS

- A. DIRNSA DIR 43-65 DTG 031440Z APR
- B. CNO DTG 052308Z APR (NOTAL)
- C. CNO DTG 011524Z APR (NOTAL)
- D. DIRNAVSECGRU DTG 142300 (NOTAL)

1. REF A CONCURRED IN THE PROPOSAL TO DIVERT ONE TRS TO SOUTHEAST ASIA.

2. REF B DESIGNATED THE USS OXFORD FOR SUBJ DEPLOYMENT.

3. SINCE THE OXFORD WHICH WILL ARRIVE IN SUBIC BAY O/A 3 JUNE IS THE FIRST TRS TO OPERATE IN THE CINCPAC AREA, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE JCS CONSIDER ISSUING GENERAL GUIDANCE TO INFORM APPROPRIATE COMMANDERS OF THE PURPOSE, NATURE AND CONCEPT OF TRS OPERATIONS.

4. DIRNSA RECOMMENDS THIS GUIDANCE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: A. THE USS OXFORD (AGTR-1) IS ONE OF SEVERAL TECH RESEARCH SHIPS (TRS) WHICH ARE ~~USED~~ ^{TASKED} BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY TO COLLECT ~~COMMUNICATIONS AND~~ ELECTRONIC SIGNALS FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES. THE TRS ARE UNARMED,

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MODIFIED MERCHANT SHIPS ESPECIALLY CONFIGURED FOR THEIR ELECTRONIC MISSION.

B. THE OXFORD IS THE FIRST TRS TO OPERATE IN THE PACIFIC. IT IS BEING REDEPLOYED TO SOUTHEAST ASIA WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD, TO SATISFY CERTAIN HIGH PRIORITY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CONTINUING VALIDATED REQUIREMENTS OF THEATER MILITARY COMMANDERS. AN ADDITIONAL TRS WILL BE REDEPLOYED TO THE PACIFIC AT A LATER DATE FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

C. OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE OXFORD WILL BE EXERCISED THROUGH NORMAL COMMAND CHANNELS EXCEPT AS INDICATED HEREINAFTER. OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF THE SIGINT ACTIVITIES ON BOARD THE OXFORD IS EXERCISED BY THE DIRECTOR, NSA. COMSEVENTHFLT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT IN THE PACIFIC AREA; DEPLOYMENT WILL BE BASED ON SIGNAL COLLECTION TASKS (WITH DUE CONSIDERATION FOR THE PHYSICAL SAFETY OF THE SHIP) WHICH WILL BE ASSIGNED BY DIRNSA THROUGH THE NAVAL SECURITY GROUP TO THE NSG COMPONENT ABOARD THE SHIP. AT THE SAME TIME, NSA WILL INFORM ITS SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE IN SAIGON (NSAPAC REP VIETNAM(S)) OF THE DESIRED TASKING. NSAPAC REP VIETNAM WILL THEN RECOMMEND THAT COMUSMACV INITIATE A REQUEST TO COMSEVENTHFLT FOR NECESSARY MOVEMENT ORDERS.

D. THE OPERATIONS AREA BLOCK SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY CNO WILL BE EMPLOYED IN OXFORD SIGINT OPERATIONS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE OXFORD WILL BE ASSIGNED TO A

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SPECIFIC BLOCK FOR A SPECIFIC TIME, SUCH ASSIGNMENT TO BE BASED UPON:

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BEFORE, THE OXFORD IS TO BE DEPLOYED FOR SIGINT PURPOSES ONLY.

E. THE FACT THAT THE OXFORD HAS AN INTELLIGENCE MISSION IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL AND SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO THE MOST LIMITED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS CONSISTENT WITH OPERATIONAL NECESSITY. ANY ASSOCIATION OF THE OXFORD WITH NSA OR NSG IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. DETAILS OF THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF THE INTELLIGENCE MISSION ARE CLASSIFIED AS HIGH AS TOP SECRET AND REQUIRE HANDLING THROUGH SPECIAL CHANNELS. THE FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED MISSION STATEMENT, WHICH IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE ELECTRONIC CONFIGURATION OF THE SHIP, MAY BE USED BY APPROPRIATE COMMANDERS

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COMMANDING OFFICERS, AND OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS AS NECESSARY, TO SATISFY VALID INTERESTS OF PORT AUTHORITIES, LOCAL PRESS, LOCAL NATIONALS, ETC: QUOTE THE MISSION OF THE USS OXFORD IS TO CONDUCT TECHNICAL RESEARCH OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF U.S. NAVY ELECTRONIC RESEARCH PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PROPAGATION STUDIES AND ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUCH AS COMMUNICATIONS MOON RELAY AND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS. UNQUOTE.

F. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMAND REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGINT SUPPORT WHICH THE PRESENCE OF THE OXFORD IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN WATERS MIGHT SUGGEST SHOULD NOT BE LEVIED DIRECTLY ON THE OXFORD, BUT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED

EXISTING PROCEDURES TO JCS/DIA FOR VALIDATION AND PRESENTATION TO NSA. HOWEVER, NSAPAC REP VIETNAM IS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE AND ACT ON IMMEDIATE SIGINT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS OF MACV/AND EFFECT APPROPRIATE TASKING OF APPROPRIATE SIGINT RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE TRS. IF REDEPLOYMENT IS DETERMINED TO BE REQUIRED, NSAPAC REP VIETNAM WILL REQUEST MACV TO INFORM COMSEVENTHFLT. ~~CP-1~~

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SUBJ: TES OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN WATERS

REF: MY DIR 87 272029Z

REQUEST SECOND SENTENCE PARA 4 FOXTROT OF REF BE CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS QUOTE HOWEVER, NSAPAC REP VIETNAM IS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE AND ACT ON IMMEDIATE SIGINT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS OF MACV AND COMMANDS SUPPORTING SOUTHEAST ASIAN OPERATIONS AND EFFECT APPROPRIATE TASKING OF APPROPRIATE SIGINT RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE TRS UNQUOTE. GROUP-1

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M/R: The change proposed is designed to provide for emergency servicing of SIGINT requirements of commanders who are supporting SE Asian operations but who are not subordinate to COMUSMACV. This message has also been discussed with Mr. Connell, NSA REP at JCS JEC who advises JCS JEC now has action of DIR 87 and is waiting for NSA reply to CINCPACFLT msg to NSA 020316Z before acting on DIR 87. The CINCPACFLT message requested Para 4F of Ref be modified to give COMSEVENTHFLT authority similar to MACV for emergency requirements.

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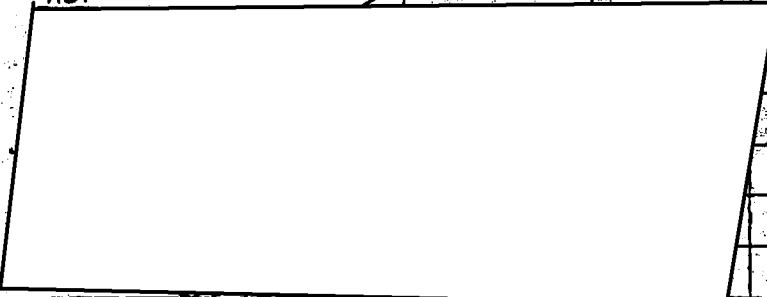
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GUIDANCE IS PROMULGATED FOR TRS OPERATION IN SOUTHEAST
ASIA:
A. THE USS OXFORD (AGTR-1) IS ONE OF SEVERAL
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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY TO COLLECT COMMUNICATION AND
ELECTRONIC SIGNALS FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES. THE
OXFORD IS AN UNARMED, MODIFIED MERCHANT SHIP ESPECIALLY
CONFIGURED FOR ELECTRONIC COLLECTION MISSIONS.
B. THE OXFORD WAS DEPLOYED TO SOUTHEAST ASIA TO
SATISFY CERTAIN HIGH PRIORITY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

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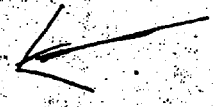
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REQUIREMENTS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SUPPLEMENTAL COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF THEATER COMMANDERS' VALID REQUIREMENTS. IT IS PLANNED TO DEPLOY AN ADDITIONAL TRS TO THE PACIFIC AT A LATER DATE.

C. TECHNICAL CONTROL AND SIGNAL TASKING OF SIGINT COLLECTION ACTIVITIES ABOARD THE OXFORD WILL BE AS DIRECTED BY DIRNSA THROUGH DIRNAVSECGRU TO THE NAVSECGRU SHIP COMPONENT.

D. OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE SHIP SHALL BE THROUGH NORMAL COMMAND CHANNELS. TO ASSURE A CAPABILITY FOR QUICK RESPONSE TO COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS INVOLVING CHANGES IN AREA OF OPERATION, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ~~NSAPACREP VIETNAM (G)~~ ADVISE COMUSMACV OF REQUIREMENTS AND NECESSARY SHIP RELOCATIONS FOR FORWARDING TO YOUR DESIGNATED COMPONENT COMMANDER. NSAPAC REP VIETNAM HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE AND ACT ON IMMEDIATE SIGINT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS OF USMACV AND COMMANDS SUPPORTING SEA OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO EFFECT APPROPRIATE TASKING OF SIGINT RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE TRS.

E. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMAND REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGINT SUPPORT WHICH THE PRESENCE OF THE OXFORD IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WATERS MIGHT SUGGEST, SHOULD NOT BE LEVIED DIRECTLY



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F. COLLECTION AREA ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE BASED UPON:

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G. THE FACT THAT THE OXFORD HAS AN INTELLIGENCE MISSION IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL AND SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO THE MOST LIMITED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS CONSISTENT WITH OPERATIONAL NECESSITY. ANY DETAILS OF THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF THE INTELLIGENCE MISSIONS

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ARE CLASSIFIED AS HIGH AS TOP SECRET AND REQUIRE HANDLING THROUGH SPECIAL CHANNELS. THE FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED MISSION STATEMENT, WHICH IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE ELECTRONIC CONFIGURATION OF THE SHIP, MAY BE USED BY APPROPRIATE COMMANDERS, COMMANDING OFFICERS, AND OTHER US OFFICIALS AS NECESSARY, TO SATISFY VALID INTERESTS OF PORT AUTHORITIES, LOCAL PRESS, LOCAL NATIONALS, ETC.: QUOTE. THE MISSION OF THE USS OXFORD IS TO CONDUCT TECHNICAL RESEARCH OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF US NAVY ELECTRONIC RESEARCH PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC PROPAGATION STUDIES AND ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUCH AS COMMUNICATIONS, MOON RAY AND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS. UNQUOTE.

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1. REF PARAGRAPH 1C REFERENCE B. AS STATED IN REFERENCE A OPERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF ALL THE SIGINT ACTIVITIES ON BOARD OXFORD IS EXERCISED BY DIRNSA. THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE PROCESSING AND REPORTING AS WELL AS COLLECTION. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR REAPACREP-VIETNAM TO ACT ON IMMEDIATE LOCAL AREA REQUIREMENTS IS OF COURSE A NECESSARY FEATURE AND IS PROVIDED FOR IN PARA 1D OF REF B.

B. PURPOSE OF FOREGOING IS TO ACHIEVE GREATER CLARITY OF UNDERSTANDING AT WASHINGTON LEVEL IN EVENT ANY QUESTION ARISES AS OPERATIONS PROCEED. ALSO AS A RELATED MATTER IT APPEARS THAT SOME SIMILAR HOUSE RULES FOR TRS PARTICIPATION IN CONTINGENCIES SUCH AS COMBAT OPS NEED TO BE INCORPORATED IN CONTINGENCY AND CONCOMITANT SIGINT SUPPORT PLANNING. THIS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE

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(B) DIR 93 172122Z JUN (NOTAL)

1. REF A PROMULGATED GUIDANCE FOR TRS OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. REF B STATED QUOTE IT APPEARS THAT SOME SIMILAR GROUND RULES FOR TRS PARTICIPATION IN CONTINGENCIES SUCH AS [] NEED BE INCORPORATED IN CONTINGENCY PLANS AND CONCOMITANT SIGINT SUPPORT PLANNING UNQUOTE.

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2. IN FURTHERANCE OF REF B, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT JCS CONSIDER ISSUING GENERAL GUIDANCE TO INFORM THE OTHER UNIFIED COMMANDERS OF THE PURPOSE, NATURE AND CONCEPT OF TRS OPERATIONS.

3. DIRNSA RECOMMENDS THIS GUIDANCE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. AVAILABLE SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES INCLUDE TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIPS (TRS) WHICH ARE TASKED BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY TO COLLECT

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COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC SIGNALS FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES.
THEY ARE UNARMED, SPECIALLY-MODIFIED FORMER MERCHANT SHIPS CONFIGURED
TO CARRY OUT THEIR ELECTRONIC MISSION.

B. UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, DIRNSA MAY UTILIZE THESE SHIPS IN
PROVIDING SIGINT IN SUPPORT OF COMMAND CONTINGENCY AND LIMITED WAR
PLANS IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING TO SATISFY HIGH PRIORITY NATIONAL IN-
TELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS. IN THESE INSTANCES, OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF
THESE SHIPS WILL CONTINUE TO BE THROUGH NORMAL COMMAND CHANNELS, OP-
ERATIONAL AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF ~~THE~~ ^{THE} SIGINT ~~REQUIREMENTS~~ ^{and} ACTIVITIES
(COLLECTION, PROCESSING, REPORTING) ON BOARD _____
SHALL BE EXERCISED BY THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY (VIA
DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SHIP OR THROUGH THE DIRECTOR NAVAL
SECURITY GROUP).

C. THE DIRECTOR NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, OR HIS FIELD REPRESENTATIVE(S) WHEN SO AUTHORIZED, WILL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO RECEIVE
^{LOCALLY} AND ACT ON IMMEDIATE SIGINT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMAND IN
ORDER TO EFFECT ^{PROMPT} ~~IMMEDIATE~~ TASKING OF SIGINT RESOURCES, INCLUDING
THE TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIPS, WHICH MAY BE ASSIGNED TO AN AREA TO
SUPPORT A GIVEN CONTINGENCY SITUATION. ANY NON-CONTINGENCY COMMAND
REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGINT WHICH THE PRESENCE OF TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIPS
MIGHT SUGGEST SHOULD NOT BE LEVIED DIRECTLY, BUT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY.

D. COLLECTION AREA ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE BASED UPON:

- (1) SIGNAL AUDIBILITY AND OTHER TECHNICAL FACTORS DETERMINED BY NSA TO BE NECESSARY TO MEET STATED REQUIREMENTS, AND
- (2) DETERMINATION BY ~~OPERATIONAL~~ OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS, WHEN APPROPRIATE, THAT THE OPERATION REQUIRED BY NSA TASKING IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE SAFETY OF THE SHIP. CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE OPERATIONAL COMMANDER INVOLVED AND THE SIGINT TASKING AUTHORITY WILL BE NECESSARY TO INSURE MAXIMUM RESPONSE TO INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS AND MAXIMUM SECURITY OF THE SHIP. ANY DIVERSION OF THE TRS WHICH DETRACTS FROM ITS SIGINT MISSION RISKS LOSS OF SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE; THEREFORE THE TRS IS TO BE EMPLOYED FOR SIGINT PURPOSES ONLY. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY WILL BE MADE ONLY WITH PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE JCS.

E. THE FACT THAT TECHNICAL RESEARCH SHIPS HAVE AN INTELLIGENCE MISSION IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL, AS IS ANY ASSOCIATION WITH THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY OR THE NAVAL SECURITY GROUP.

F. THE NSA REPRESENTATIVES ACCREDITED TO COMMANDS WILL WORK WITH COMMAND PLANNERS IN DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE WORDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE APPENDIX TO THE INTELLIGENCE ANNEX OF COMMAND

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 OPLANS IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE NSA DETERMINES IT WILL EMPLOY TRS (S).
 NSA WILL PROVIDE THIS INFO DIRECTLY TO USCINGSOUTH, SINCE THERE IS
 NO NSA REPRESENTATIVE AT THAT COMMAND. *GP-1*

M/R: This message prepared by D31 in response to ADM Memo 65-36 dtd 18 May 65 which directed "take action to have ground rules for TRS operations in a SIGINT support to Military Operations Role incorporated in appropriate Command Operations Plans and NSA and Naval Security Group SIGINT Support Plans." This msg required to have JCS promulgate guidance to the other unified commands (CINCEUR, CINCSTRIKE, CINCLANT, CINCNSOUTH). Upon issuance by the JCS of a message similar to reference (a), D31 will initiate action with NSA planning representatives in these areas to amend the non-codeword format for the SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE appendix to the Intelligence Annex to the Command OPLANS and the amending of the SSPs in which the TRSs are cited as means of providing support to the command. Negotiations with CINCPAC (thru NSAPAC) based on ref (a) are being handled via separate message.

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SUBJ: DIVERSION OF USS LIBERTY

DUE TO PRESENT MIDDLE EAST CRISIS REQUEST USS LIBERTY BE DIRECTED TO DEPART ABIDJAN IMMEDIATELY AND PROCEED AT BEST POSS SOA TO ROTA SPAIN TO PICK UP TECH SUPPORT MATERIAL/PERSONNEL, THENCE PROCEED TO OP AREA OFF PORT SAID. TASKING AND SPECIFIC AREAS WILL BE FWD ASAP

CONCUR: G *MR. Raven*
P04 []

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M/R: THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS RESULTED IN NSA DECLARING A SIGINT READINESS BRAVO. IN ORDER TO AUGMENT COVERAGE IN THE AREA, THE DIVERSION OF THE USS LIBERTY (USN-855) IS CONSIDERED A NECESSARY COURSE OF ACTION IN VIEW OF THE LIBERTY'S EXCELLENT COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND REPORTING CAPABILITIES AND HER ABILITY TO REMAIN ON STATION FOR EXTENDED PERIODS. USNS VALDEZ WILL BE DIRECTED TO LEAVE ALL AVAILABLE ME TECH SUPPORT AT ROTA, SPAIN [] WHEN SHE MAKES A SCHEDULED CALL O/A 24/25 MAY.

THE DIVERSION OF THE LIBERTY WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF [] COVERAGE FOR THE REAMINDER OF THE PRESENTLY SCHEDULED CRUISE DUE TO TERMINATE 25 AUG 67. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE POTENTIAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE ME, THIS MUST BE CONSIDERED AN ACCEPTABLE LOSS.

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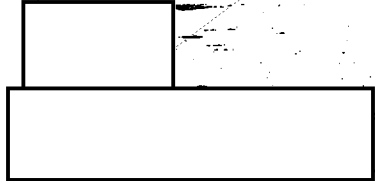
INTERIM TASKING FOR USN-855

I. GENERAL GUIDANCE: THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES TASKING FOR USN-855 UPON DEPARTURE ROTA, SPAIN, ON OR ABOUT 01 JUNE 1967. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS DEPLOYMENT, ALL PREVIOUS TASKING ASSIGNMENTS ARE SUSPENDED. THIS ASSIGNMENT IS AN INTERIM TASK AND WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED WHEN PLATFORM IS WITHIN HEARABILITY RANGE OF UAR TARGETS. DESIRE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS INTERIM TASKING ONLY AND IS NOT TO DELAY OR DIVERT THE PLATFORM FROM ARRIVING ON STATION IN EASTERN MED. DUE TO SOA OF PLATFORM NO ATTEMPT IS MADE TO REGULATE EMPHASIS OF TARGET COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, THE DELEGATED TASKS ARE LISTED IN GEOGRAPHICAL SEQUENCE AND EMPHASIS SHOULD BE BLENDED FROM ONE AREA TO ANOTHER AS HEARABILITY DICTATES.

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II. RECAP OF ~~OPERATIONS~~ TASKED DURING THIS CRUISE:

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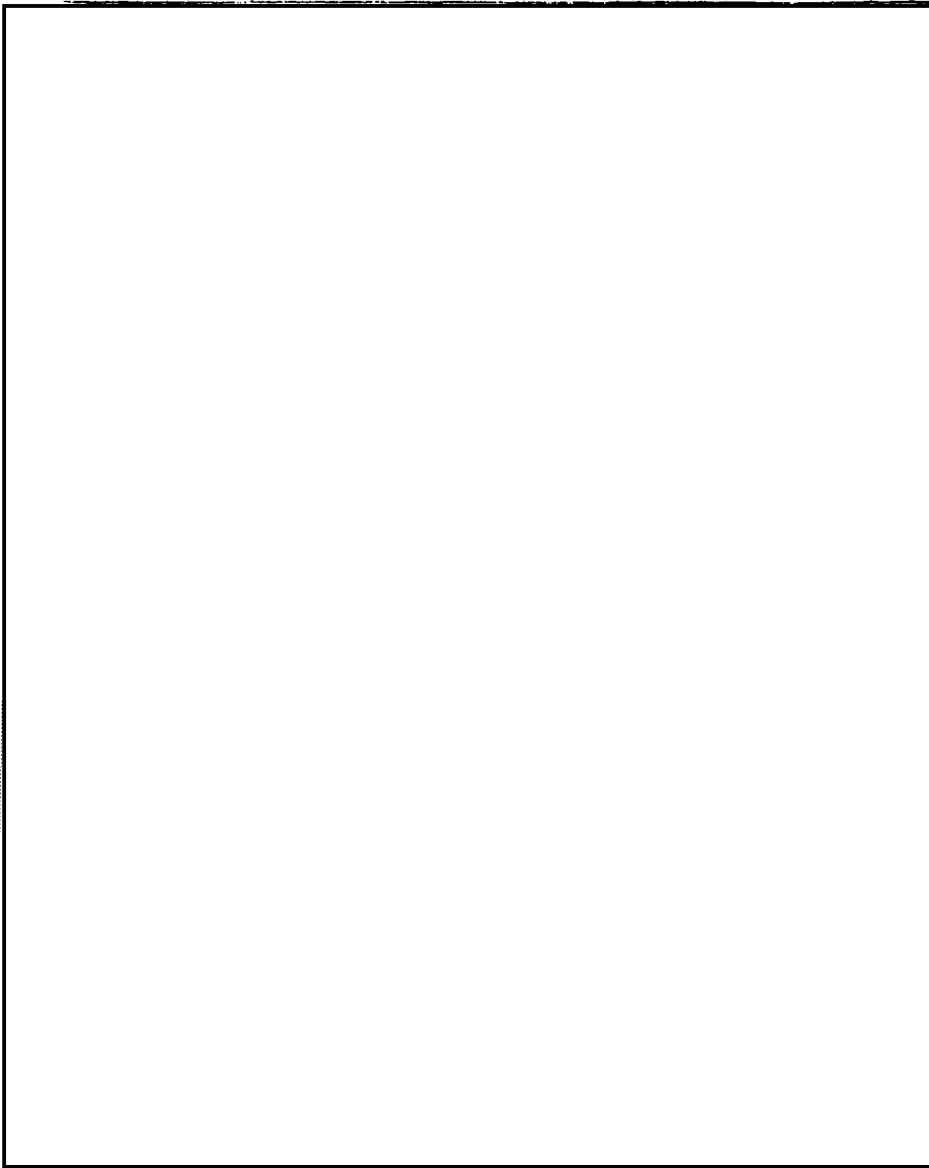
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AREA. SUBMITTED BY G664 [redacted]

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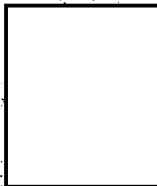
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IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.



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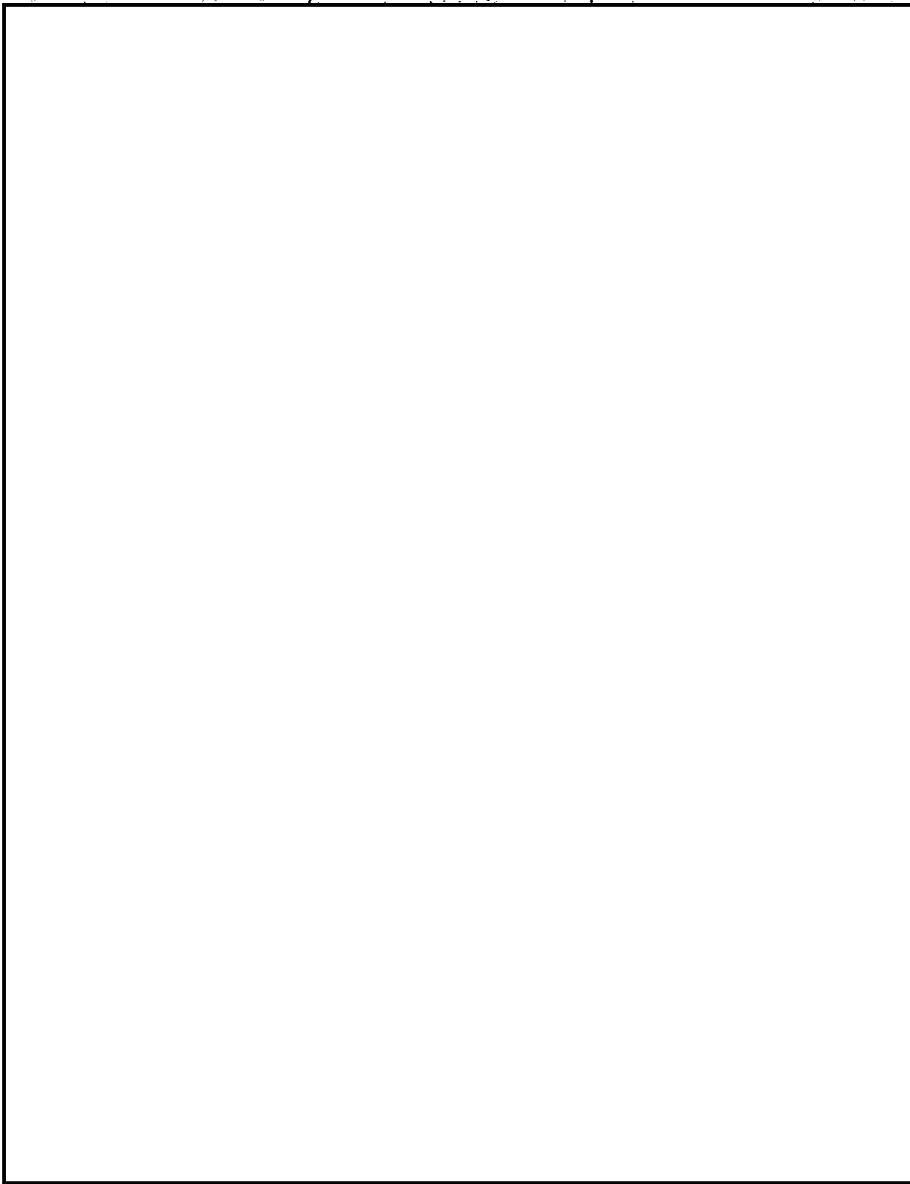
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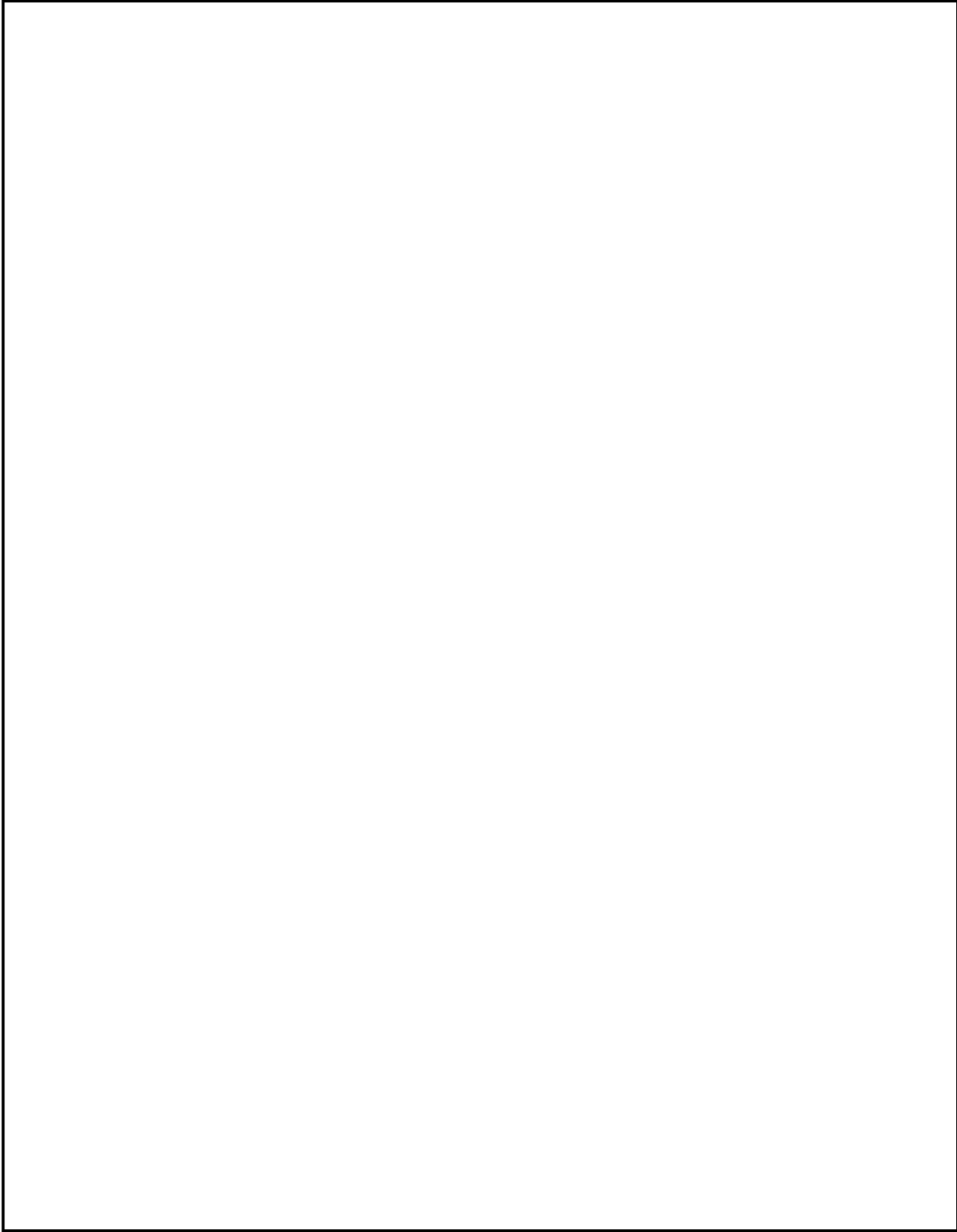
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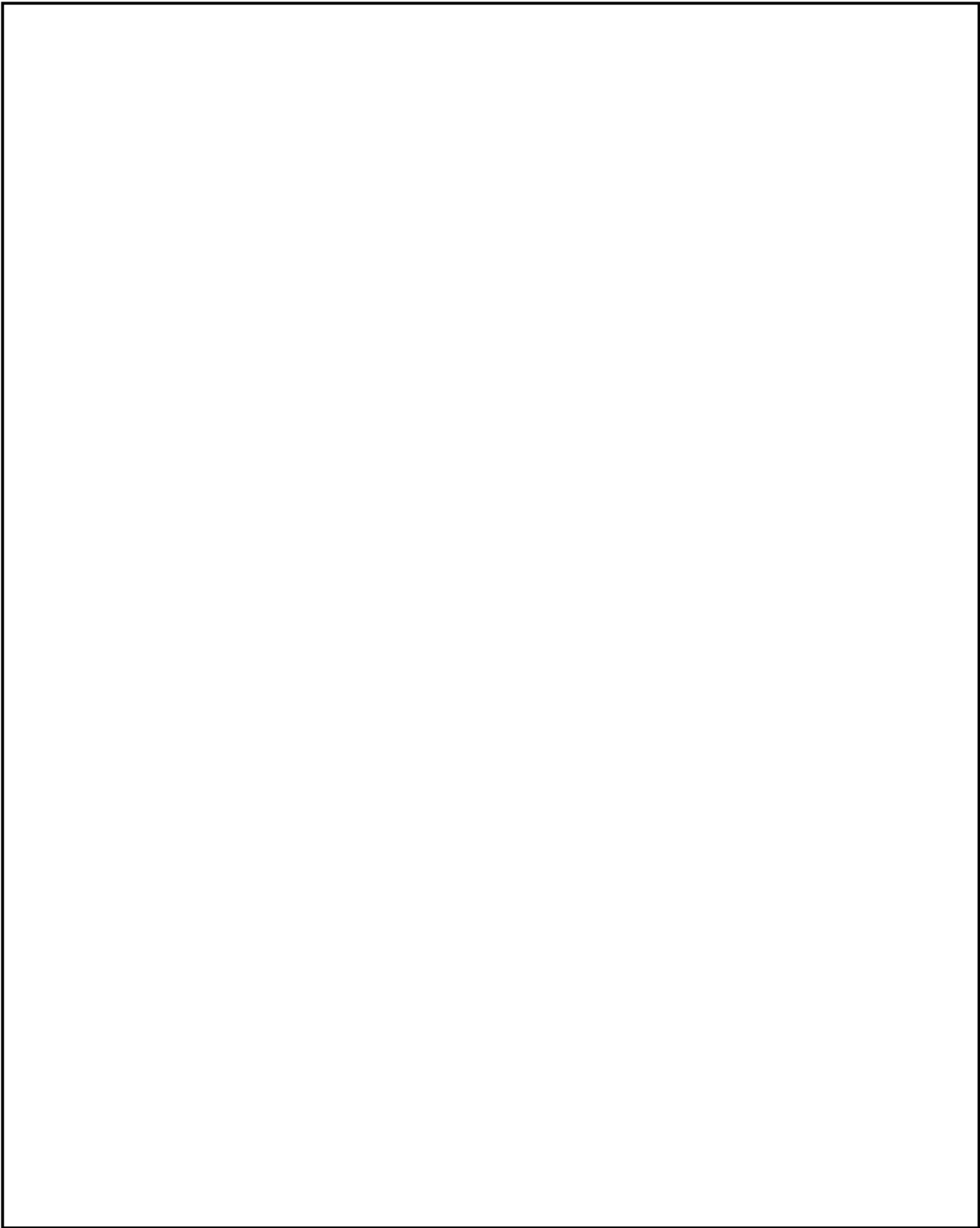
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REF MY 231729Z ADP/224/67 (NOTAL)

1. REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONAL AREAS FOR THE
USS LIBERTY OPERATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AS FOLLOWS (COORDINATES
ARE OUTER LIMITS OF OPERATIONAL AREA):

- OP AREA NR 1 32:00N - 29:00E TO 31:00E
- OP AREA NR 2 32:00N - 31:00E TO 33:00E
- OP AREA NR 3 32:00N - 33:00E TO 34:00E
- OP AREA NR 4 32:00N - 34:00E TO A POINT
33:00N - 34:30E
- OP AREA NR 5 33:00N - 34:30E TO A POINT
36:00N - 35:00E

2. REQUEST USS LIBERTY OPERATE IN PROPOSED OPERATIONAL AREA NR 3
UNTIL FURTHER NOTIFIED. POINTS ABOVE AND ACTUAL OPERATING AREAS,
INCLUDING CPA SHOULD BE ADJUSTED AS NECESSARY FOR OPERATIONAL AND
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M/R: REF REQUESTED JCS/JRC TO DIVERT:USS LIBERTY FROM ABIDJAN
AFRICA TO EASTERN MED. MESSAGE INFORMED JCS/JRC SPECIFIC OP AREA
WILL BE FORWARDED FOR APPROVAL WHEN DETERMINED BY ANALYTICAL ELE-
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SUBJ: USS LIBERTY SKED (U)

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1. ~~(S)~~ WHEN RFS REQUEST SAIL LIBERTY IAW FOLLOWING

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A. JUN DEPART ROTA.

B. 2-8 JUN. ENROUTE VIA GIBRALTAR STRAIT CPA AS
SAFE NAV PERMITS. THAN VIA NORTHERN AFRICA COASTAL
ROUTE TO POSIT 32-00N 33-00E. CPA MOROCCO MALTA
3 NM CLAIMED DIST 3 NM. CPA SPAIN TUNISIA SARDINIA
SICILY CRETE 7 NM CLAIMED DIST 6 NM. CPA ALGERIA
LIBYA UAR 13 NM CLAIMED DIST 12 NM.

C. 9-30 JUN. CONDUCT OPS SOUTH QF 32-00N AND
BETWEEN 33-00E AND 34-00E. WHILE CONDUCTING OPS CPA UAR
12.5 NM CPA ISRAEL 6.5NM

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- 3. (U) ENROUTE TECH TASKING IAW REF.
- 4. (U) PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPING JULY AKED FOLLOW.

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USS LIBERTY OPERATIONAL CONTROL (U)
USCINCEUR FOR JRC, JCS FOR JRC, CINCLANT FOR JRC
A. MY 311750Z MAY 67 (LIBERTY MOVORD 7-67, WITH CH-1)
B. MY 031016Z JUN 67
C. USS LIBERTY 021330Z JUN 67 (MOVREP)
D. JCS 011545Z JUN 67 (USS LIBERTY SKED)
E. USS LIBERTY 022108Z JUN 67
1. FOR COMSIXTHFLT. TO FACILITATE AREA COMMAND AND
CONTROL AND ANY POSSIBLE REQUIREMENT FOR PROTECTION DURING

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MIDEAST HOSTILITIES, USS LIBERTY WILL BE CHOPPED TO COMSIXTHFLT
AT 070001Z JUN 67. OPERATE LIBERTY IAW REF D TO DERIVE MAXIMUM
BENEFIT FROM SPECIAL CAPABILITIES. REF D MAY BE MODIFIED FOR
SAFETY REASONS AS DICTATED BY THE LOCAL SITUATION.

A. REQUEST CHANGE PIM REPORTS (REFS A AND B) TO AS
OF 1800Z, CHANGE PRECEDENCE TO IMMEDIATE AND CHANGE
ADDEE FORIUSCINCEUR TO USCINCEUR FOR JRC.

2. FOR USS LIBERTY. CHOP TO COMSIXTHFLT AT 070001Z
BY MESSAGE.

A. PIM REPORT NOT RECEIVED SINCE REF E.

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L23 NOTE: REF "C" IS AGI 41075
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DATE: 06 JUN 67

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USS LIBERTY OPERATIONAL CONTROL

A. CINCUSNAVEUR 061357Z JUN 67 NOTAL

B. JCS 011545Z JUN 67 NOTALB

C. SLINCUSNAVEUR 311750Z MAY 67 (MOVORD 7-67) NOTAL

D. CINCUSNAVEUR 011305Z JUN 67 NOTAL

E. COMSIXTHFLT 0PORD 1-66 NOTAL

F. CINCUSNAVEURINST P03120.5B NOTAL

1. UPON CHOP TO COMSIXTHFLT AT 070001Z, CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW REF

B, C AND D.

2. IN VIEW PRESENT ARAB/ISRAELI SITUATION AND UNPREDICTABILITY OF UAR ACTIONS, MAINTAIN A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE AGAINST ATTACK OR THREAT OF ATTACK. REPORT BY FLASH PRECEDENCE ANY THREATENING OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIONS DIRECTED AGAINST YOU OR ANY

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- 1. REVISION FROM SCHEDULE NECESSITATED BY EXTERNAL THREAT.
- 2. IF LOCAL SITUATION DICTATES CHANGE IN AREA OF OPS ASSIGNED BY REF B.
- 3. KEEP COMSIXTHFLT AND CTF 63 INFORMED OF LOGISTIC NEEDS SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE TO ENABLE ORDERLY LOGSUP PLANNING. MAIL DELIVERY WILL BE ARRANGED IF FEASIBLE.
- 4. INCLUDE COMSIXTHFLT AS INFO ADDEE ON REPORTS REQUIRED BY PARA 2 REF B AS MODIFIED BY REF C AND D.
- 5. SUBMIT REPORTS OF CONTACT WITH SHIPS, AIRCRAFT AND SUBMARINES WHICH ARE UNIDENT, HOSTILE, OF INTELL INTEREST OR ENGAGE IN HARASSMENT, IAW REF F. EMERGENCY PLAN CHARLIE NOW IN EFFECT IN SIXTHFLT
- 6. COMSIXTHFLT OPERATIONAL DOCUMENTS ON ALERTS, EMERG ACTIONS AND NUCLEAR RELEASE WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. THEREFORE, ACTION IS NOT REQUIRED ON NATIONAL EXERCISE AND DRILL MSGS IDENTIFIED BY FLAG WORD WHITE OR BLUE DELTA. NO ACTION REQUIRED NATO EXERCISE MSGS. IN EVENT OF ACTUAL ALERT OR OTHER EMERGENCY, COMSIXTHFLT WILL SEPARATELY DIRECT LIBERTY BY CLASSIFIED MSG.
- 7. COMMUNICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX CHARLIE REF E.
 - A. COPY KR BROADCAST. ADVISE IF CARDS AVAILABLE TO COPY XRA BCST.
 - B. IF PERMANENT TERMINATION REQUIRED WITH MED COMM STA SUBMIT REQUEST IAW APPENDIX XVI TO ANNEX CHARLIE TO REF E.
 - C. ALTHOUGH NOT ASSIGNED TO TF 60 UTILIZE TF 60 TACTICAL CIRCUITS AS REQUIRED
 - D. AUTHGRA TO ENTER SIXES ALFA AS REQUIRED.

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USS LIBERTY OPERATIONAL SCHEDULE CHANGE

REF: A. UR 011545Z (NOTAL)

B. MY 292013Z MAY, ADP/242 (NOTAL)

REQUEST INITIATE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO AMEND REF BRAVO TO REFLECT OPERATIONS IN OP AREA 2 AS DEFINED IN REF ALFA TO SATISFY TECH REQUIREMENTS.

~~OP 1~~

CONCUR: G04 LT. MCTIGHE
PO4

SHOWN TO ADNSG: CTC MYHRVOLD

M/R G GROUP REQUESTED USS LIBERTY'S OPERATING AREA BE CHANGED FROM OP AREA 3 TO OP AREA 2 TO SATISFY TASKING REQUIREMENTS.

Richard Harvey

ORATER K122/5385s RELEASING OFFICER RICHARD HARVEY CH K12/3891s RELEASED AT ()

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FROM: USS LIBERTY

DATE: 8 JUNE 67 INFO:

TO: COMSIXTHFLT

INFO: JCS
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SITREP/POSIT

A. USCINCEUR 0614-0Z JUN 67 (NOTAL)

1. 070800Z POSIT 33-06N2 28-54E9. PIM 09/16.5 UNTIL 072300Z. THENCE STATIONARY WITHIN 30NM OF 31-45N3 33-30E9.

2. SUBSEQUENT PIM/SITREP WILL BE SUBMITTED AS OF 0800Z

IN REF A. GP-4

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SUBJ: USS LIBERTY (U)

FROM: JCS 6724/011545Z JUN 67

1. IN VIEW PRESENT SITUATION EAST MED, OPERATING AREA SPECIFIED REF FOR GUIDANCE ONLY AND MAY BE VAIED AS LOCAL CONDITIONS DICTATE.
2. CHANGE CPA UA TO 20 NM, ISRAEL 15 NM.

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L23 NOTE: DTG 011545Z IS AGI 40571

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TO: JCS

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A. COMSIXTHFLT 070626Z JUN 67

1. THIS AMPLIFIES REF A.
2. PRIOR TO 052015Z JUN 67 SIXTHFLT AIRCRAFT WERE ENGAGED IN NORMAL TRAINING OPERATIONS IN THE SEA OF CRETE AND SOUTH OF THE WESTERN END OF CRETE. NO AIR OPERATIONS WERE AUTHORIZED EAST OF LAT 30E OR WITHIN 100 MILES OF THE EGYPTIAN COAST. THESE RESTRICTIONS PROVIDED A MINIMUM APPROACH DISTANCE FOR AIRCRAFT TO THE COASTS OF ISRAEL AND SYRIA OF NO LESS THAN 240 MILES AND TO THE COAST OF EGYPT FROM ALEXANDRIA WEST OF NO LESS THAN 100 MILES. AT 052015Z JUN 67 THE OPERATING AREA FOR SIXTHFLT UNITS WAS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL OF THE EASTERN MED EXCEPT THAT NO OPERATIONS, EITHER SURFACE OR AIR, WERE PERMITTED WITHIN 1; MILES OF ISRAEL, SYRIA, OR EGYPT OR WITHIN 25 MILES OF CYPRUS.
3. ON 5 MAY BOTH CARRIERS WERE OPERATING IN POSITIONS WHICH WERE IN EXCESS OF 400 MILES FROM ISRAEL OR SINAI. FLIGHT OPERATIONS

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ON AMERICA WERE CONDUCTED FROM 0915Z UNTIL 1235Z AND ON SARATOGA FROM 0828Z UNTIL 1313Z. FLIGHT OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES AND WERE ROUTINE IN ALL ASPECTS. ON 6 JUN LIMITED UR OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE DAY FOR ROUTINE PURPOSES. NO NIGHT OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED BY EITHER CARRIER.

4. ALL SIXTHFLT CVA PILOTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN AIR OPERATIONS ON 5 AND 6 JUN HAVE BEEN QUERIED CONCERNING THEIR TRACK LINES AND ANY VOICE COMMUNICATIONS EITHER TRANSMITTED OR RECEIVED. AT NO REPEAT NO TIME WERE THE AIRSPACE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 1. ABOVE VIOLATED, I.E., ON 5 JUN NO SIXTHFLT CVA AIRCRAFT APPROACHED THE ISRAEL OR SINAI COASTLINE CLOSER THAN 240 MILES AND ON 6 JUN NO SIXTHFLT CVA AIRCRAFT APPROACHED THE ISRAEL, SYRIA OR EGYPT COASTLINES CLOSER THAN 100 MILES. TRACKS FLOWN WERE ACTUALLY FARTHER FROM ISRAEL/SYRIA/EGYPT THAN THE ABOVE LIMITING FIGURES. DURING THESE FLIGHTS NO REPEAT NO SIXTHFLT PILOT EITHER TRANSMITTED OR RECEIVED ANY RADIO TRANSMISSIONS FROM STATIONS EITHER IN OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF ANY COUNTRY IN THE MIDEAST ENGAGED IN THE CURRENT CONFLICT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY RELAY. IN SHORT, ON 5 AND 6 JUN NO SIXTHFLT AIRCRAFT OVERFLEW ISRAEL, SYRIA, OR EGYPT AND NO COMMUNICATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED BY SIXTHFLT PILOTS WITH ANY RADIO STATIONS CONTROLLED OR UTILIZED BY ANY OF THESE COUNTRIES.

5. NO FLIGHT OPERATIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR 7 JUN FOR EITHER

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SARATOGA OR AMERICA. THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN PARA
ABOVE CONTINUE IN EFFECT.

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SUBJ: USS LIBERTY (U)

REFS: A. JCS 7337/072230Z JUN 67

B. COMSIXTHFLT 071503Z JUN 67 (NOTAL)

1. (U) CANCEL REF A.

2. ~~(TOP)~~ REQ LIBERTY COMPLY NEW OP AREAS DEFINED PAST SENTENCE PARA 2 REF B, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, I.E., NOT CLOSER THAN 100NM TO ISRAEL, SYRIA EGYPT AND 25NM TO CYPRUS.

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ATTACK ON LIBERTY

SITREP ONE

1. AT 081252Z USS LIBERTY REPORTED UNDER ATTACK AT POSIT
31.23N 33.25E, WAS HIT BY TORPEDO AND WAS LISTING BADLY.

ATTACK FORCES HEREBY DECLARED HOSTILE BY COMSIXTHFLT IAW
CINCUSNAVEURINST P03120.5B. LIBERTY MESSAGE AUTHENTICATED.

2. HAVE DIRECTED TF 60 TO PROCEED TOWARD SCENE. TASK FORCE
60 PRESENT POSIT 34.22N 24.28E.

3. HAVE DIRECTED AMERICA TO LAUNCH FOUR ARMED A4'S AND
SARATOGA TO LAUNCH FOUR ARMED A1'S WITH FIGHTER COVER
TO DEFEND USS LIBERTY. PILOTS DIRECTED TO REMAIN CLEAR OF LAND.

TANKERS ALSO WILL LAUNCH, WILL RELIEVED ON STATION.

4. ETA FIRST ACFT ON SCENE ONE HOUR AND 30 MINS AFTER LAUNCH.
ESTIMATE LAUNCH AT 1345Z.

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FOLLOWING MSG PASSED BY USS LIBERTY.

"TO CNO INFO US CINCUSNAVEUR, JCS (JRC), CINCLANTFLT, COM
SIXTH FLI, COMSERVLANT: QUOTE UNCLAS SIT FOL AIR ATTACK
1. AT 081205Z, WHILE SHIP ON COURSE 283 DEGREES, SPEED
FIVE KNOTS POSITION 31 DEGREES, 8535.5 MINS NORTH, 33
DEGREES 29 MINS EAST SHIP ATTACKED BY UNIDENTIFIED
JET FIGHTERS, BELIEVED TO BE ISRAELI. APPROXIMATELY SIX
STRAFFING RUNS MADE ON SHIP APPROX 081225Z THREE TORPEDO
BOATS, ONE IDENT AS ISRAELI APPROACHED SHIP ON STARBOARD
QUARTER AT HIGH SPEED. HULL NUMBER OF ONE BOAT 206-17.
AT APPROX 081427Z TOOK TORPEDO BOAT UNDER FIRE BY 50 CAL
MACHINE GUNS AT RANGE OF APPROX 2000 YARDS TORPEDO BOAT
LAUNCHED TORPEDOS IN STRAFFING ATTACK.
ONE TORPEDO PASSED APPROX 75 YARDS
ASTERN. APPROX ONE MIN LATER SHIP SUSTAINED TORPEDO
HIT STARBARD SIDE. SHIP HAS TEN DEGREE STARBARD LIST.
WATER TIGHT BOUNDRIES ESTABLISHED AND HOLDING. AFTER ATTACK
TORPEDO BOATS CLEARED TO EAST ABOUT FIVE MILES.
CLEARING-AREA AT TEN KNOTS.

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PHOTOS OF AIRCRAFT AND BOATS TAKEN. AFTER
ATTACK COMPLETED TWO ISRAELI HELICOPTERS ORBITTED SHIP.
AT ABOUT 081255Z RANGE 500 YARDS. ISRAELI INSIGNIA
CLEARLY VISIBLE, PHOTOS TAKEN. SEVERAL PROJECTILES HAVE
BEEN RECOVERED FROM TOPSIDE AREAS. NUMBER DEAD EST TEN,
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED EST ONE FIVE, TOTAL WOUNDED SEVEN FIVE,
UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF MISSING.

3. SHIP UNABLE TO CARRY OUT MISSION. WILL SUBMIT
PERSONNEL CASREPS ASAP SEPRATELY.

4. EXTENSIVE SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE TOPSIDE, LOWER DECK
SPACES, FORWARD DESTROYED.

5. COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES LIMITED. WILL PROVIDE FILM AND
PROJECTILES RECOVERED AS DIRECTED.

6. SHIP WILL REQUIRE DRY DOCKING AND EXTENSIVE
REFITTING. UNQUOTE. IIS STATION MONITORING SIXTH FLEET COMMO.

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