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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF STATE  
SUBJECT: INF Nuclear Control Issue (U)

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(S) The purpose of this memorandum is to share with you my views on the critical matter of the control of the use of nuclear weapons.

(TS) As you are aware, the United Kingdom has asked us to revise the 1958 Murphy-Dean agreement. In addition, although an official request has not been made,

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(TS) In my view, the current British proposal for updating the existing U.S./UK bilateral agreement exceeds the bounds of military prudence.

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While I would be receptive to allowing certain nomenclature changes in the existing Murphy-Dean agreement, I believe we should resist substantial changes to existing nuclear control agreements and arrangements, especially those that would introduce cumbersome consultation/decision processes.

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(TS) The upcoming INF deployments have brought increasing public pressure on officials of the basing countries, especially in Great Britain, to answer sensitive questions on the control of these weapons.

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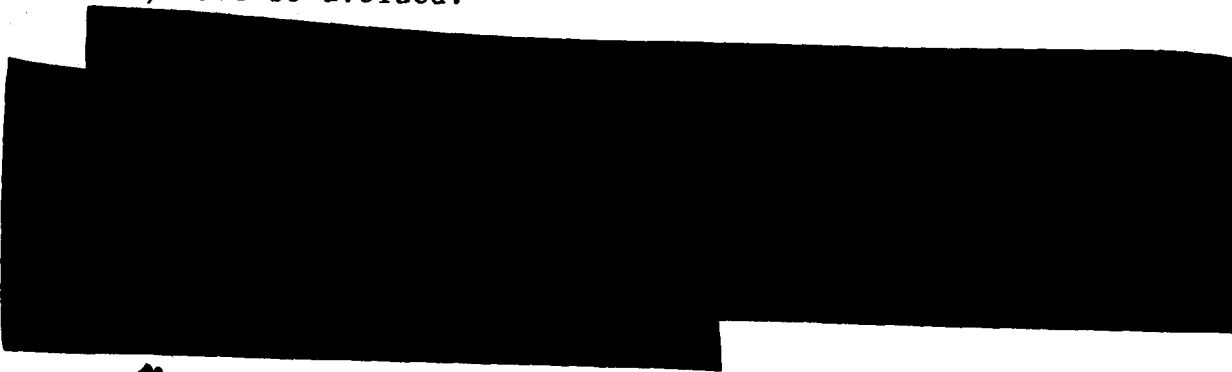
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(S) In order to help relieve growing public pressure on upcoming INF deployments, I recommend that we formulate question and answer guidance for use by U.S. officials when responding to specific questions on nuclear control arrangements. This guidance, which would be coordinated with individual governments and take into account their concerns, must reaffirm the basis of common purpose and mutual trust contained in existing arrangements that have served the Alliance so well for 30 years--arrangements that fully safeguard the sovereignty, security, and national interest of each NATO nation. Any specific reference to existing bilaterals, however, must be avoided.



(S) In sum, I believe that any substantive changes to existing nuclear release agreements and arrangements would adversely affect NATO's nuclear deterrent capability. I therefore recommend against any such changes to existing bilateral agreements that would cause them to be more restrictive. Further, we should avoid entering into any new bilateral nuclear control agreements.

(S) The Joint Chiefs of Staff concur in the above. I trust that you will provide these views to Larry Eagleburger for his use during negotiations on the subject.

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SUBJECT: INF - The Nuclear Control Issue -- DECISION MEMORANDUM ( U )

*(S)* The attached memorandum (TAB B) from the Joint Chiefs of Staff provides their views on the nuclear control issue. The JCS bottom line is "that no substantive changes should be made to existing bilateral arrangements which would cause them to be more restrictive; further, the USG should avoid entering into any new bilateral nuclear control arrangements."

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*(S)* As you know, under Larry Eagleberger's lead we are negotiating with the UK an update to the Murphy-Dean agreement which governs use of US nuclear weapons from bases in the UK.

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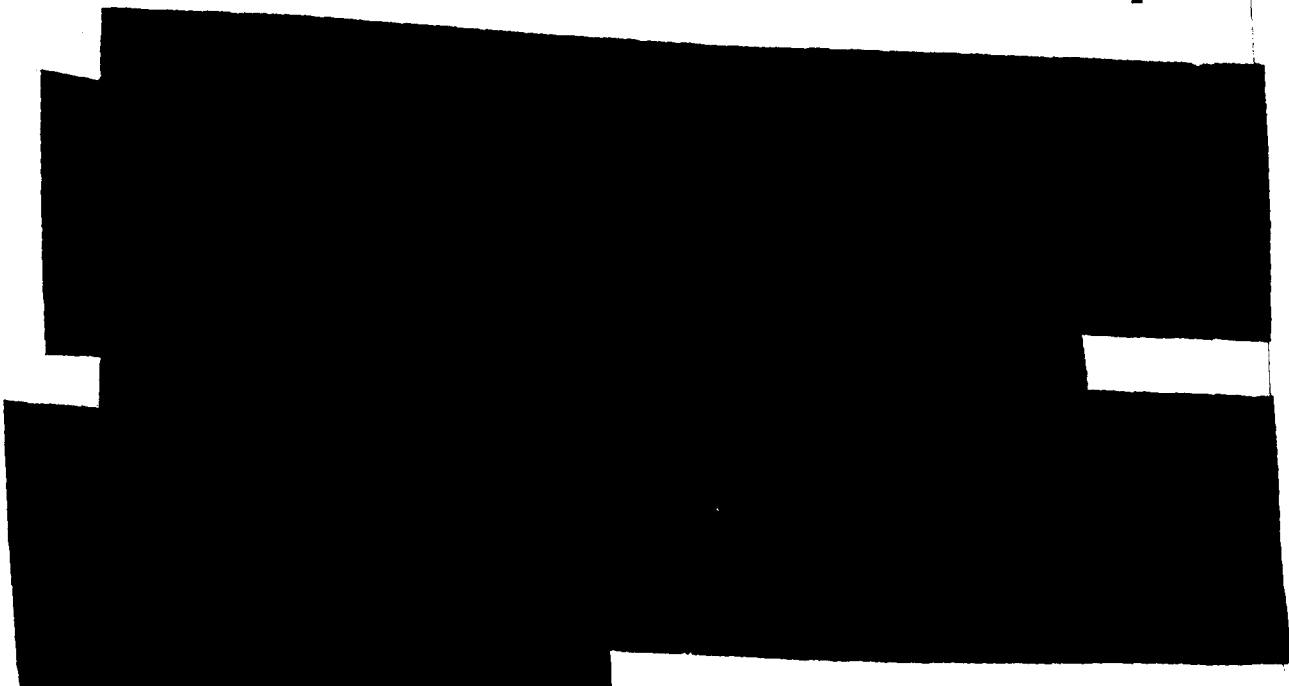
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(16) At TAB C is a non-paper prepared for use by the US delegation in preparation for the 30 March meeting with the UK which addresses the dispersal issue. It lays out three options:



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(S) For reasons stated previously in this memo and the JCS memo we recommend that DOD support Option A in our dealings with the UK. To support this position we recommend that you sign the memorandum to the Secretary of State, at TAB A which provides him a copy of the JCS memo and your strong endorsement of the JCS stance.

*Richard Perle*  
Richard Perle

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: INF Nuclear Control Issue (U)

(S) The attached memorandum provides the concerns and views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the nuclear control issue. I concur in the JCS position that the USG should resist substantial changes to existing bilateral agreements/arrangements and avoid entering into new bilateral agreements.



(S) Request these views be provided to Under Secretary of State Eagleburger for his use during future negotiations on the subject.

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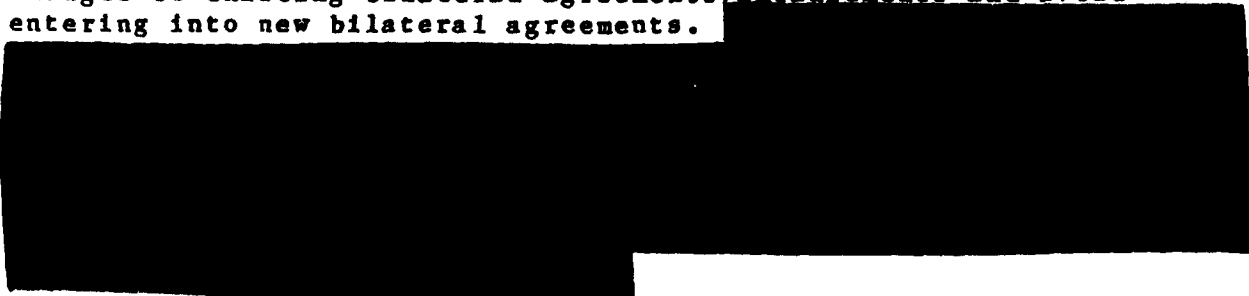
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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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3. (TS) The upcoming INF deployments have brought increasing public pressure on officials of the basing countries, especially in Great Britain, to answer sensitive questions on the control of these weapons.

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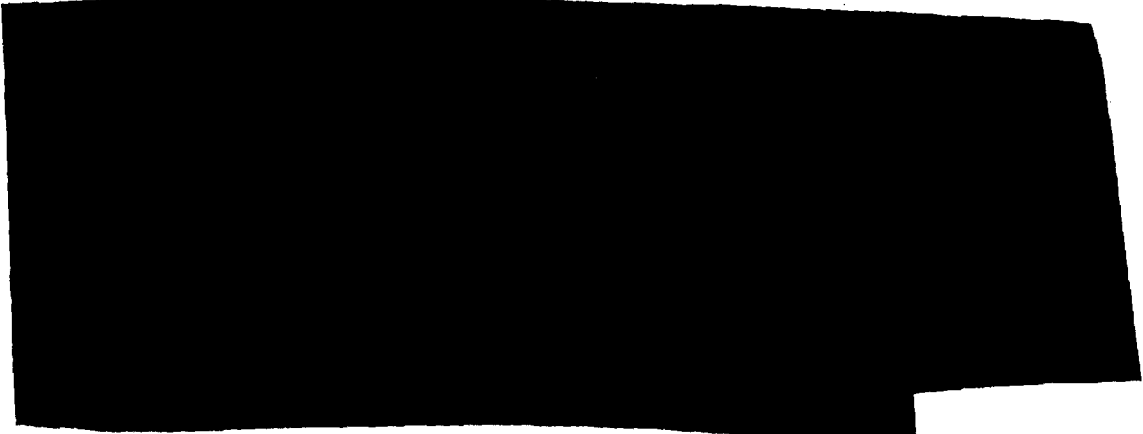
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4. (S) In order to help relieve growing public pressure on upcoming INF deployments, recommend question and answer guidance be formulated for use by US officials when responding to specific questions on nuclear control arrangements. This guidance, which would be coordinated with individual governments and take into account their concerns, must reaffirm the basis of common purpose and mutual trust contained in existing arrangements that have served the alliance so well for 30 years --arrangements that fully safeguard the sovereignty, security and national interest of each NATO nation. Any specific reference to existing bilaterals, however, must be avoided.



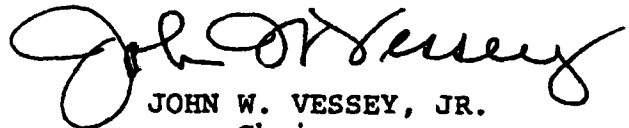
6. (S) We believe that any substantive changes to existing nuclear release agreements and arrangements would adversely affect NATO's nuclear deterrent capability. Therefore, it is the JCS position that no substantive changes should be

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made to existing bilateral agreements which would cause them to be more restrictive; further, the USG should avoid entering into any new bilateral nuclear control agreements.

7. (U) If you concur, request a memorandum substantially like the one attached be forwarded for the Secretary of State's review. The JCS stand ready to provide further assistance in the resolution of this issue.



JOHN W. VESSEY, JR.  
Chairman  
Joint Chiefs of Staff

Attachment  
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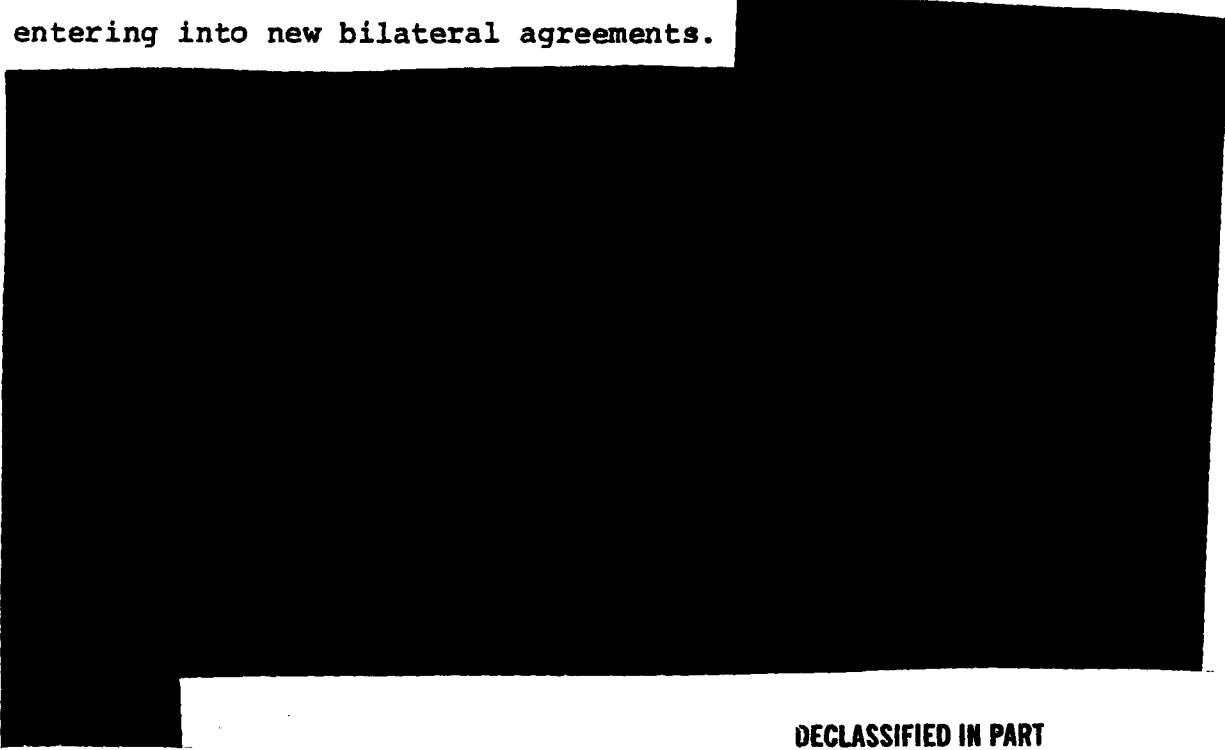
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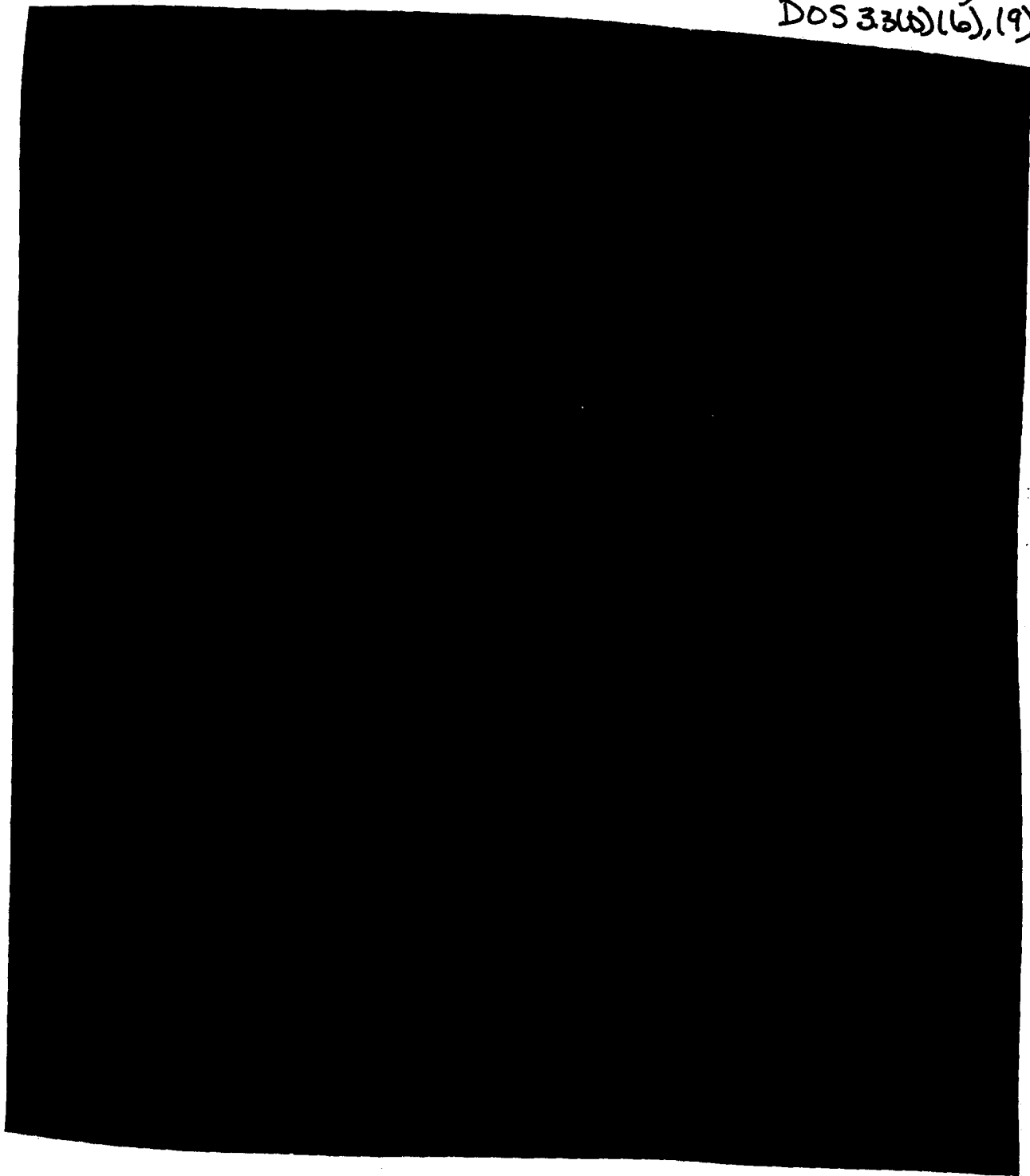
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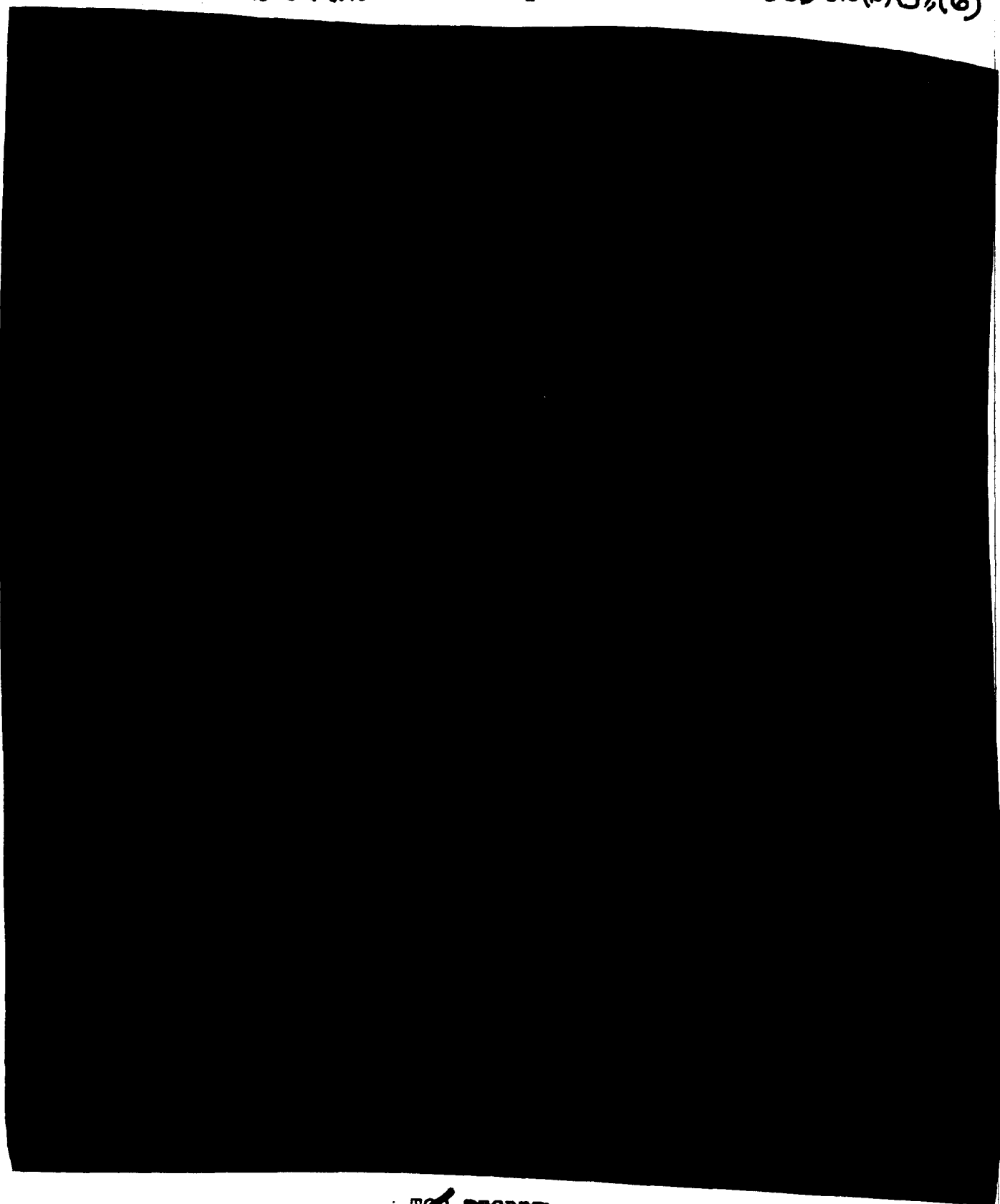
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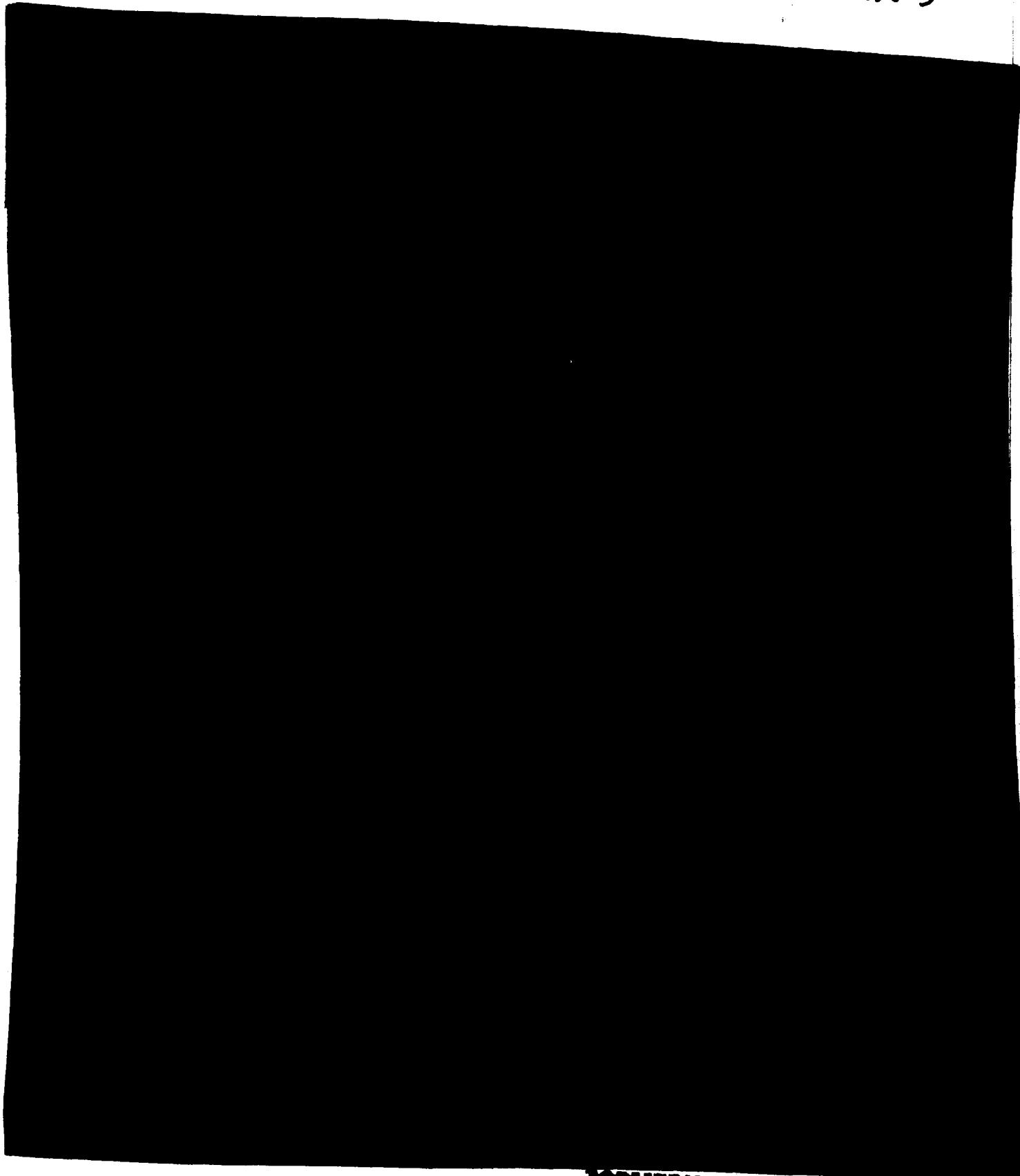
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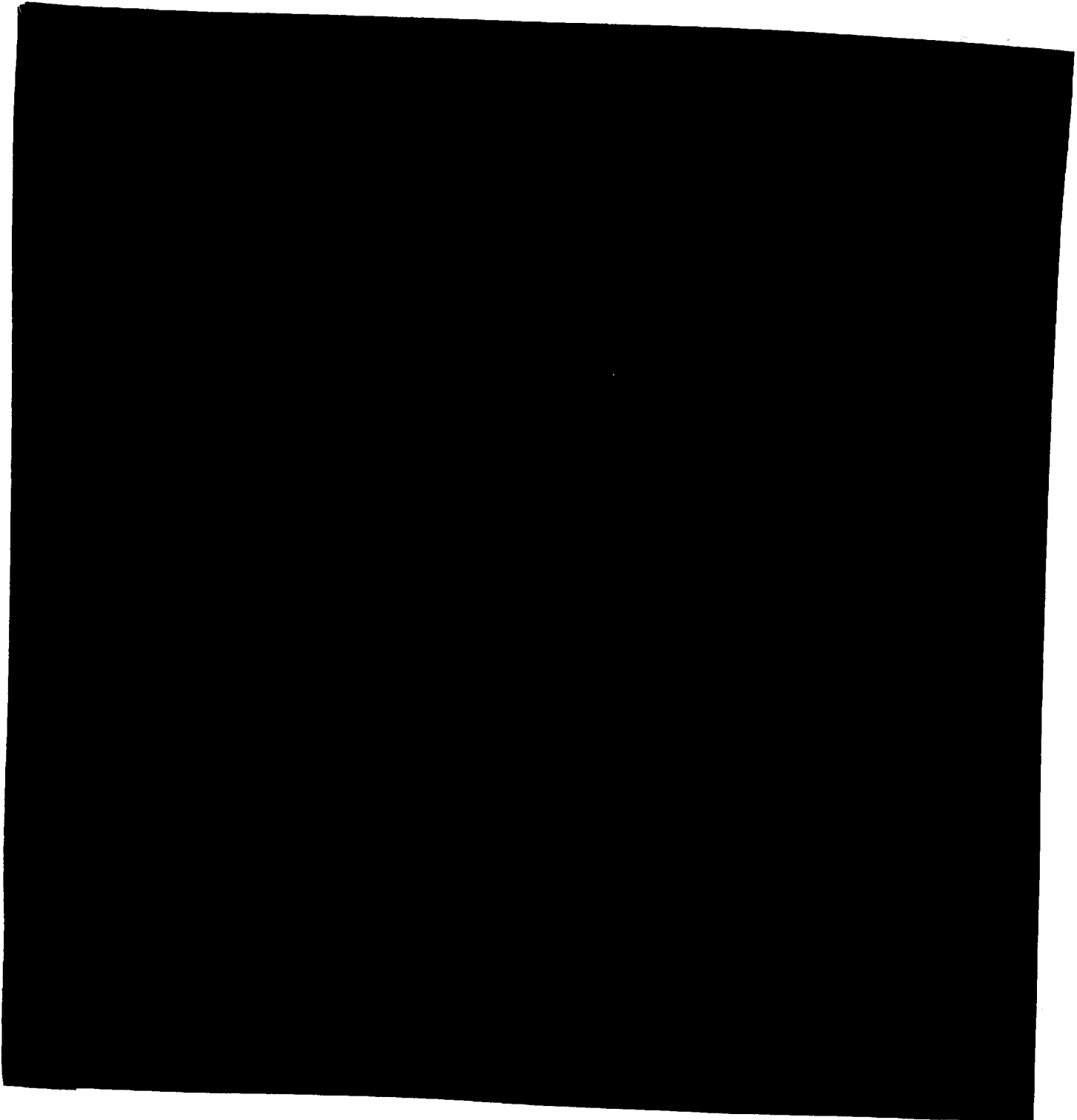
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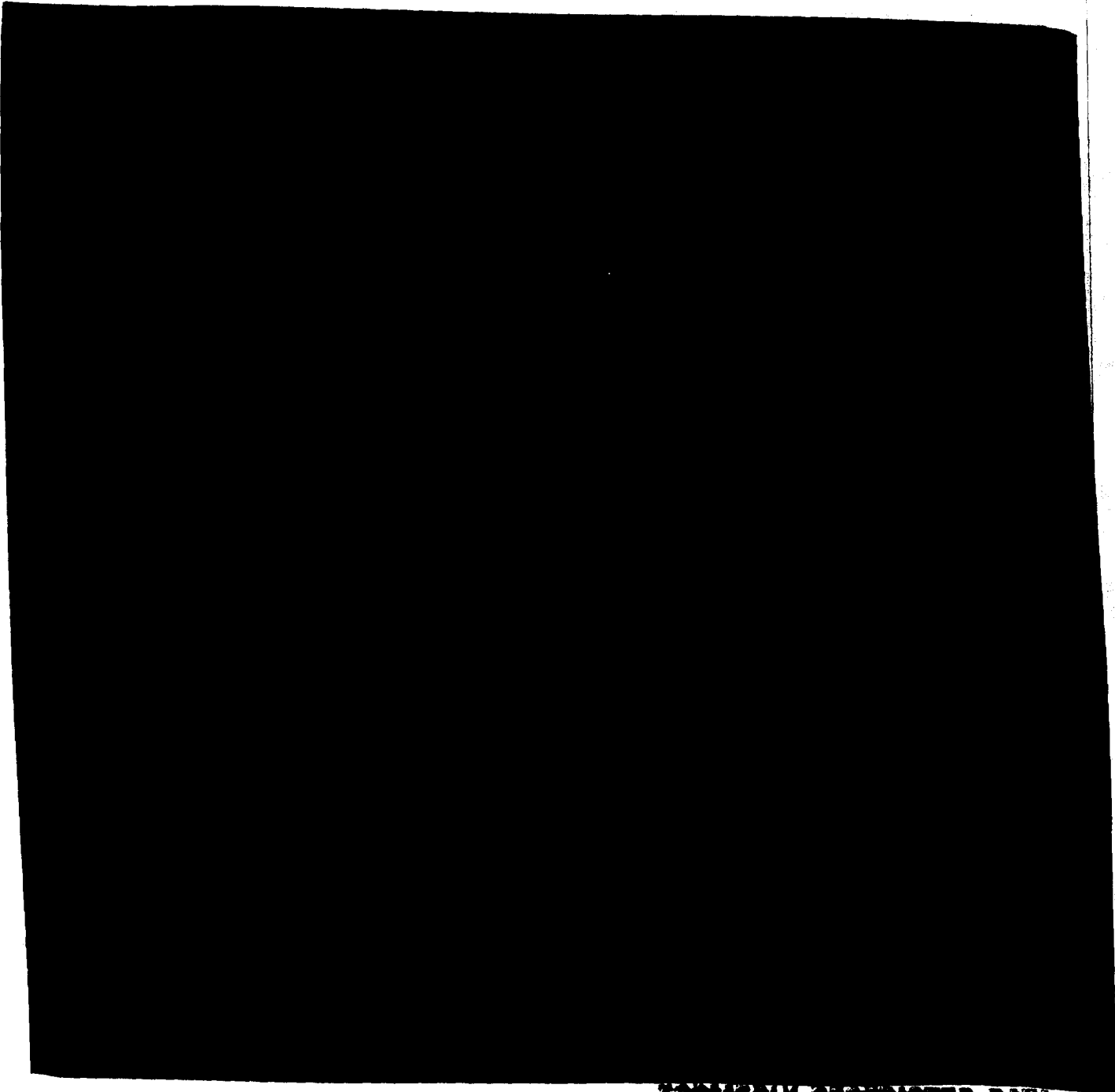
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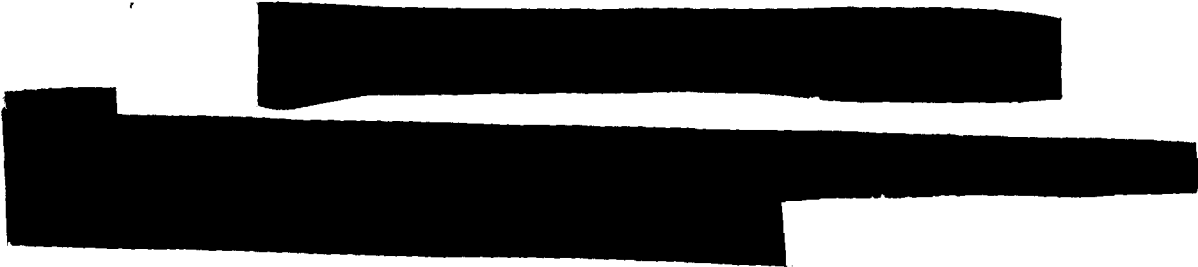


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