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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



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TO: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
FROM: PHILIP A. DUR

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 16, 1984

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INFORMATION

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: PHILIP A. DUR *lif*

SUBJECT: CINCEUR Planning for Air Action Against the Shaykh Abdallah Barracks

Admiral Poindexter asked me to prepare the attached point paper to summarize what I have learned about CINCEUR planning.

Attachment
Point Paper

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Considerations

--Hostages - The three U.S. hostages are being held by Hizbollah, probably somewhere in the Bekaa. Although we have no evidence, they may be at the same camp as the mock-up.

--Murphy Mission - Dick will be in the area at least through the end of the week. He is tentatively planning to be back in Damascus the 27th and 28th.

--Syrian Connections - The Syrian Army has surrounded the Hizbollah training camp with tanks and men. Any actions against the camp could affect the Syrian contingents as well.

--U.S. Posts in the Area - Our posts would have immediately to go on heightened alert. Although this is especially true in Beirut, such steps would have to be taken throughout the Arab world and elsewhere.

--Other Governments - We should keep in mind the interests of our allies and also some states in the area. This would mean perhaps talking to a few in advance of any actions, while informing the others immediately as action is taking place. What we say to some select Western Europeans as well as the Israelis, Syrians and Lebanese in this regard will be important. A related issue is what, if anything, and when we say something to the Sovs.

--The Hill - There is also the question of whether anyone on the Hill is informed in advance, as well as preparing a comprehensive plan for phone calls and briefing points.

--The Media - We would also need a solid package of talking points and Qs and As to use with the media.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE MILITARY ASSISTANT

ADM JOHN DEXTER

John,

Per our

CONVERSATION.

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FOR GEN VESSEY FROM GEN LAWSON

SUBJ: CTF SIX ZERO MESSAGE (U)
1. (S) FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM CTF SIX ZERO IS RETRANSMITTED AS REQUESTED. DATE-TIME GROUP IN PARA 11 NOT CORRECT. CORRECTED DATE-TIME GROUP WILL BE PROVIDED ASAP. ASSUME CORRECT DATE IS 19 NOV. WOULD CERTAINLY NOT SUPPORT ANY OPERATIONS BEFORE THAT DATE IN VIEW OF MARG TURNOVER.

QUOTE:
Z 170714Z NOV 83
FM CTF SIX ZERO
TO RUEFROJC/COMSIXHFLT
RUSNNOA/USCINCEUR VAHINGEN GE
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~~SUBJ: JOINT FRANCO-AMERICAN STK ON TGT SE BAALSEN (TS)~~

A. SSN VAIHINGEN GERMANY 162004Z NOV 83

1. (TS) CONCEPT: JOINT DAYTIME STRIKE ON AL KHAYYAM HOTEL (RS-3IIA) AND ALI IBN ABU TALEM BARRACKS (RS-7IIA).

2. (TS) THREAT: LOW. 57MM. ZSU 2-3-4. NO KNOWN SAM IN TARGET AREA. TGT ON FRINGE OF SA-6 SITE LOCATED AT 334940N/0360600E.

3. (TS) STK COMPOSITION

8 FR SUPER ETENDARD	4X250KG
4 A-7	6XMK83
4 A-6	12XMK83

4. (TS) SUPPORT

2 FA68	ESM
1 FA38	ESM

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2 A-6 STARM	2XAGM78
2 A-7 IRONHAND	4XAGM45
4 F-14 CAP	0/4/4
1 F-14 TARPS	0/2/2
2 F-20 BATTLE MGMT	
2 A-6D TANKER	

5. (TS) SAR - CTF-61

1 CH-53	
2 AH-1 GUNSHIP	
1 CH-46	
2 A-7 RESCAP	4 CRU 59/FAMMO

6. (TS) TIMING:

FRENCH	TOT	ALI IBN ABU TALEM BKS	05:56
A-7	TOT	AL KHAYYAM HOTEL	05:58
A-6	TOT	ALI IBN ABU TALEM BKS	06:00

7. (TS) ROE - CANNOT FIRE ARM UNTIL FIRED UPON.

CAN PREEMPTIVELY JAM.

8. (TS) RETURN TO FORCE:

ALL ACFT EXIT IFF ON IF NO IFF OR RADIO COMMS, MAKE 360 DEGREE LEFT TURN 40NM FM BEACH.

9. (TS) ALL DIVISIONS RENDEZVOUS WITH ALTITUDE SEPARATION, MAKE CIP/

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TOT TIMES.

10. (TS) MISSION TACTICS

FRENCH ETENDARDS A-7 AND A-6 TO COAST IN WITH ALT./AIRSPEED VARIATION FOR COORDINATED TOT. ETENDARDS AND A-6 WILL SIMULTANEOUSLY STRIKE ALI IBN ABU TALEM BARRACKS COMPLEX AND A-7 WILL STRIK AL KHAYYAM

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HOTEL. TARPS AIRCRAFT WILL OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHT 2 MIN AFTER LAST STK
ACFT OFF. THIS IS JOINT CTF 60/CTF 452 MSG.
11. (TS) FRENCH HAVE RECEIVED AUTH TO STK AND DESIRE A TOT OF
090955Z. ORIG HAS ACFT AND AIRCREWS READY.

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BT
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DELIVER UPON RECEIPT
DECLAS OADR
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DE WTE31 #0001 3221750
Z 181750Z NOV 83
FM ELYSEE FRANCE

TO WHITE HOUSE

~~TOP SECRET~~ VIA BLUE CHANNEL

TRES SECRET GOUVERNEMENTAL VIA BLUE CHANNEL
FROM GENERAL SAULNIER
TO ADMIRAL POINDEXTER

- 1- MERCI POUR VOTRE MESSAGE 181558Z NOV 83 ET VOS APPRECIATIONS
- 2- JE REGRETTE MOI AUSSI QUE DES PROBLEMES DE DERNIERE HEURE AIENT INTERDIT ACTIONS SYNCHRONISEES.
- 3- CES PROBLEMES NONT CEPENDANT PAS EMPECHE VOTRE AIDE TECHNIQUE DANS PREPARATION ET MEME EXECUTION - CETTE AIDE A ETE TRES APPRECIEE DES FORCES FRANCAISES ENGAGEES.

GENERAL SAULNIER.

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BY RW NARA DATE 3/15/12

1. Thank you for your message of 181558Z and your kind remarks.
2. I too regret that last minute problems precluded synchronized actions.
3. These problems do not detract a bit from your technical assistance to us in preparing and executing our action. This help was greatly appreciated by the French forces involved.

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WHSR COMMENT: PLS ADVISE FURTHER DISSEM

*I think we should definitely respond & acknowledge a "Shafu" in communications.
RA*

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DE YEKOHR #0186 3221400
O 181400Z NOV 83 ZFF4
FM PARIS

TO THE WHITE HOUSE

~~SECRET~~ 181400Z NOV 83 VIA PRIVACY CHANNELS

FM CHARGE D'AFFAIRES MARESCA, PARIS 186
TO: WHITE HOUSE FOR ADMIRAL POINDEXTER EYES ONLY, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL IMMEDIATE
SECRET SENSITIVE

1. GENERAL SAULNIER CALLED ME IN THIS MORNING TO EXPRESS HIS AND PRESIDENT MITTERAND'S CONSTERNATION AT THE INABILITY OF THE U.S. SIDE TO JOIN WITH THE FRENCH IN THEIR RAID ON BAALBEK. WITHOUT REPEATING HIS DETAILED EXPLANATIONS, HIS MAIN POINT WAS THAT AFTER ALL THE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND FRENCH SIDES, AS WELL AS THE DETAILED PLANNING WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE, THE FRENCH FULLY EXPECTED THE U.S. TO JOIN THEM. WHEN THE FRENCH LEARNED THAT THE U.S. FORCES HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD, MITTERAND AND HIS PRINCIPAL ADVISERS WERE CAUGHT BY SURPRISE.

2. SAULNIER WAS CONCERNED ON SEVERAL COUNTS: FIRST, HE WISHED TO ENSURE THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO MISUNDERSTANDING BY THE FRENCH ABOUT U.S. INTENTIONS. HE DISCOUNTED THIS, HOWEVER, AFTER GOING BACK THROUGH THE COMMUNICATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN EXCHANGED. SECOND, HE SIMPLY DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT HAD HAPPENED ON THE U.S. SIDE. HE STRESSED THAT WE DID NOT OWE THE FRENCH AN EXPLANATION, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THAT ONE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THIRD, AND MOST IMPORTANT FROM SAULNIER'S POINT OF VIEW, HE WANTED TO ENSURE THAT WASHINGTON

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DID NOT CONCLUDE THE FRENCH HAD GONE AHEAD WITHOUT US INTENTIONALLY, SO AS TO EMBARRASS US OR WITH SOME OTHER NEFARIOUS PURPOSE. SAULNIER SAID THAT, ONCE MITTERAND HAD TAKEN THE DECISION TO GO AHEAD, AND ESPECIALLY AFTER HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT THE NIGHT BEFORE THAT THE BEIRUT ATTACK WOULD "NOT GO UNPUNISHED," THERE WAS NO TURNING BACK. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY TRUE BECAUSE THE WEATHER WAS CLOSING IN AND THE FRENCH DID NOT WANT TO CARRY OUT AN ACTION ON FRIDAY, THE MOSLEM SABBATH.

3. SAULNIER WAS FRIENDLY AND UNDERSTANDING THROUGHOUT OUR DISCUSSION. I AGREED TO GET BACK TO HIM WITH ANY INFORMATION I MIGHT BE AUTHORIZED TO PASS ON. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT ME TO RESPOND IN SOME FASHION.

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O 181558Z NOV 83
FM THE WHITE HOUSE

TO ELYSEE PALACE

~~SECRET~~ WH08846

PLEASE DELIVER TO GENERAL SAULNIER FROM ADMIRAL POINDEXTER.

I RECEIVED A REPORT THIS MORNING OF YOUR MEETING WITH CHARGE
D' AFFAIRES MARESCA. FIRST LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT WE FULLY UNDER-
STAND THE FRENCH ACTIONS YESTERDAY AND ARE COMPLETELY SUPPORTIVE
OF WHAT YOU DID. CONGRATULATIONS ON A VERY PROFESSIONAL JOB WELL
DONE. AS WE WOULD SAY IN THE NAVY - BRAVO ZULU. I SINCERELY REGRET
WE WERE NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE WITH YOU. WITH ONLY A FEW HOURS
MORE TIME I BELIEVE WE COULD HAVE. THE NEXT TIME WE MEET I WILL
EXPLAIN TO YOU WHAT HAPPENED SO AS TO MAKE ALLOWANCES THE NEXT
TIME.

SINCERELY,
JOHN POINDEXTER

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TO ELYSEE PALACE

~~SECRET~~ VIA BLUE CHANNELS WH08846

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SINCERELY,

JOHN POINDEXTER

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ASSESSMENT OF INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE ON BAALBEK TARGET CLUSTER

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BY KML NARA DATE 8/5/13

I. BARRACKS:

A. Source Evaluation

1. Press and Diplomatic

(C) There is very limited diplomatic traffic regarding the Baalbek complex and only a handful of FBIS reporting that has noted the presence of Iranians at various times.

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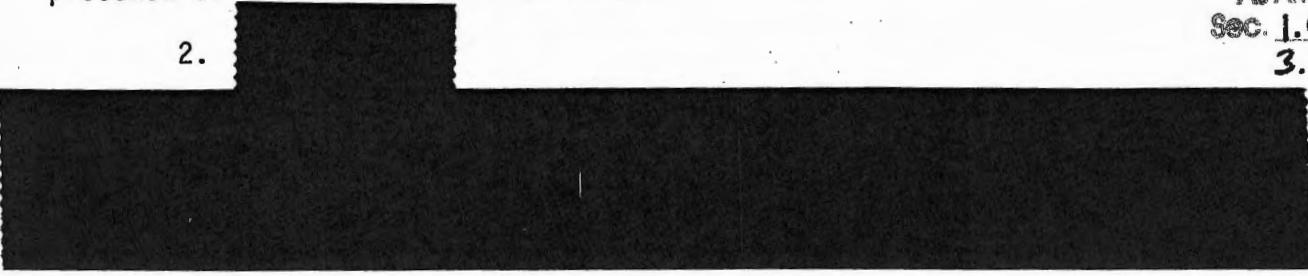
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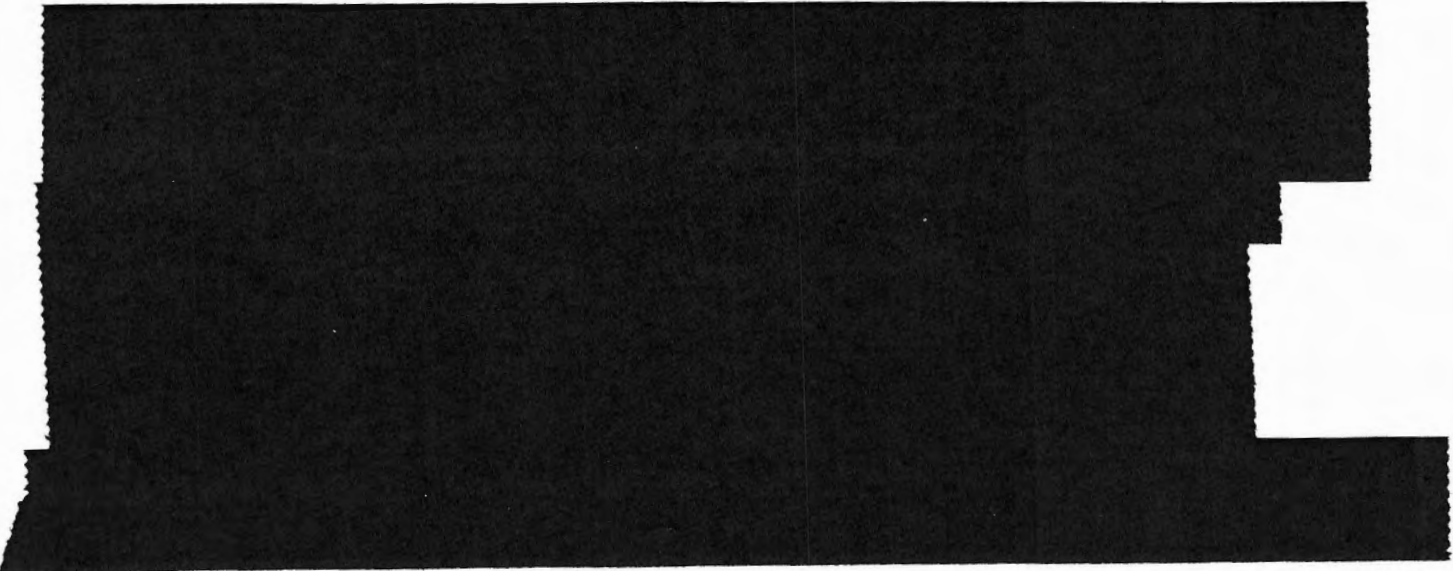
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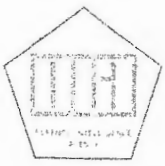
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II. HOTEL:

A. Source Evaluation

1. Press and Diplomatic

(C) There is virtually no diplomatic traffic regarding this Baalbek complex. However, there are two FBIS reports that have noted the presence of Iranian Revolutionary Guards at various times.

2. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This reporting covers the period from

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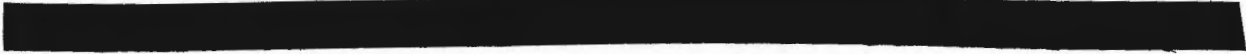
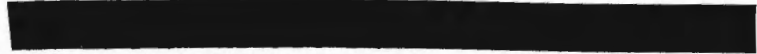


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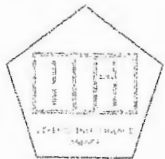


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A. Source Evaluation


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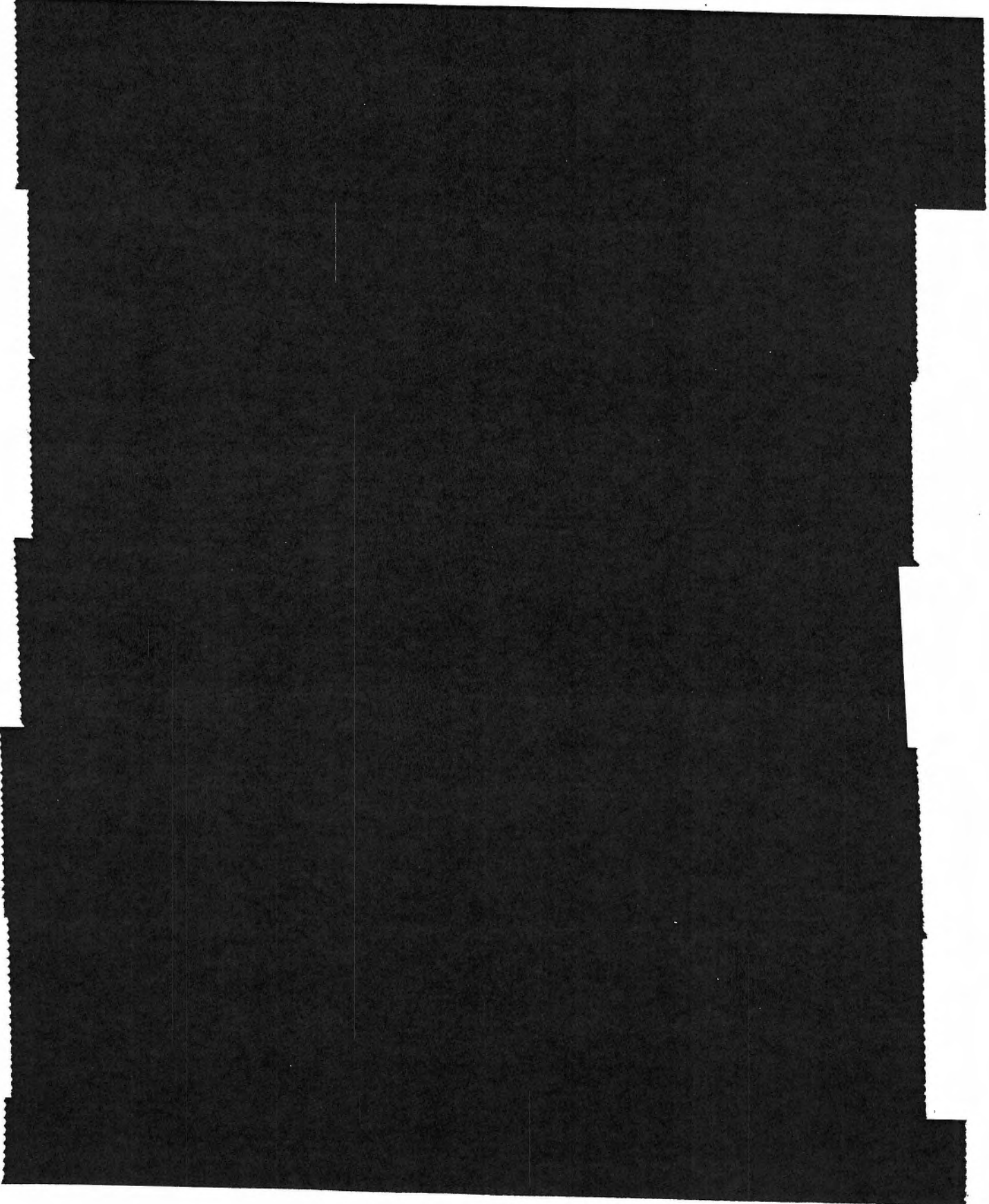


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