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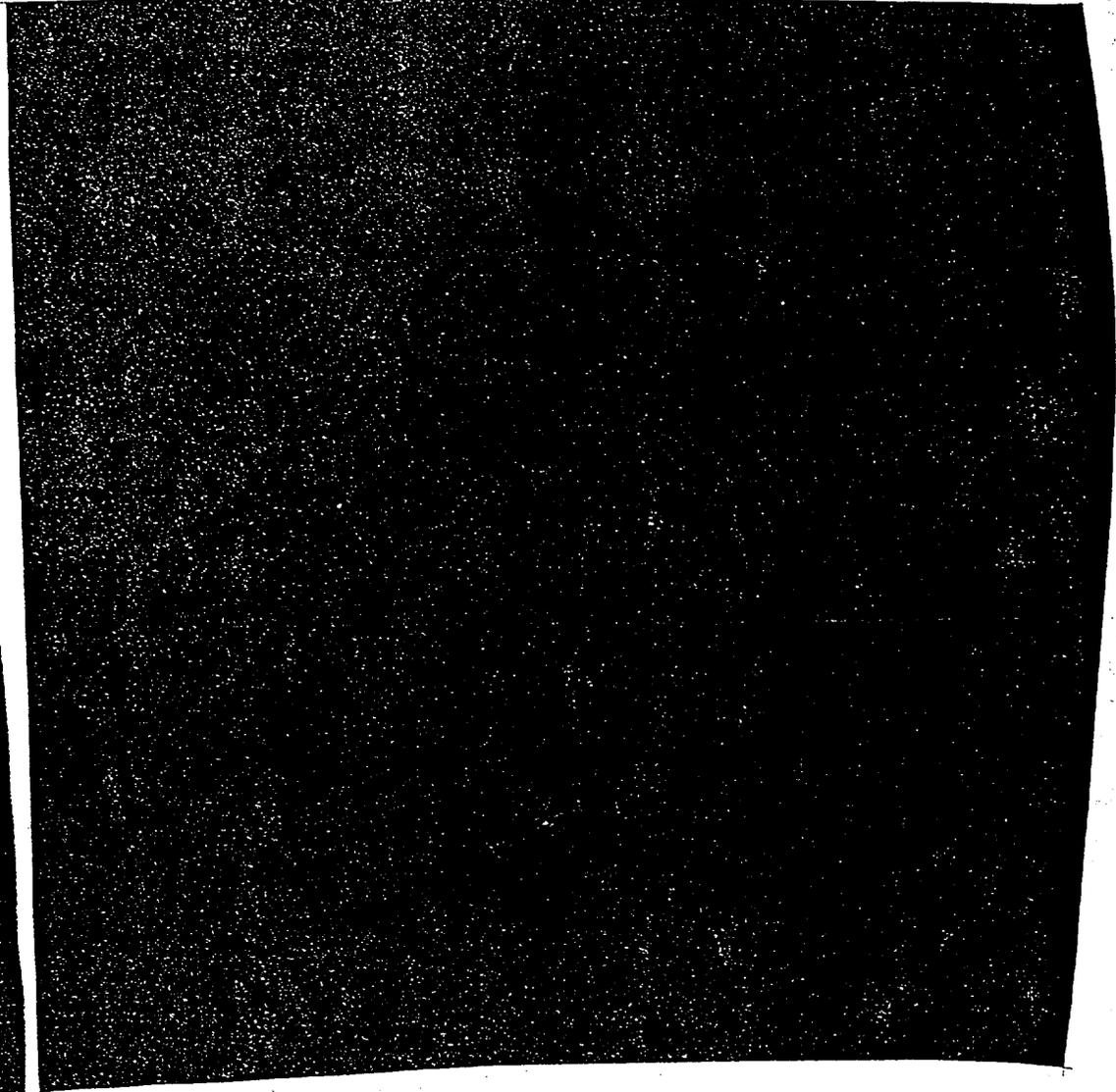
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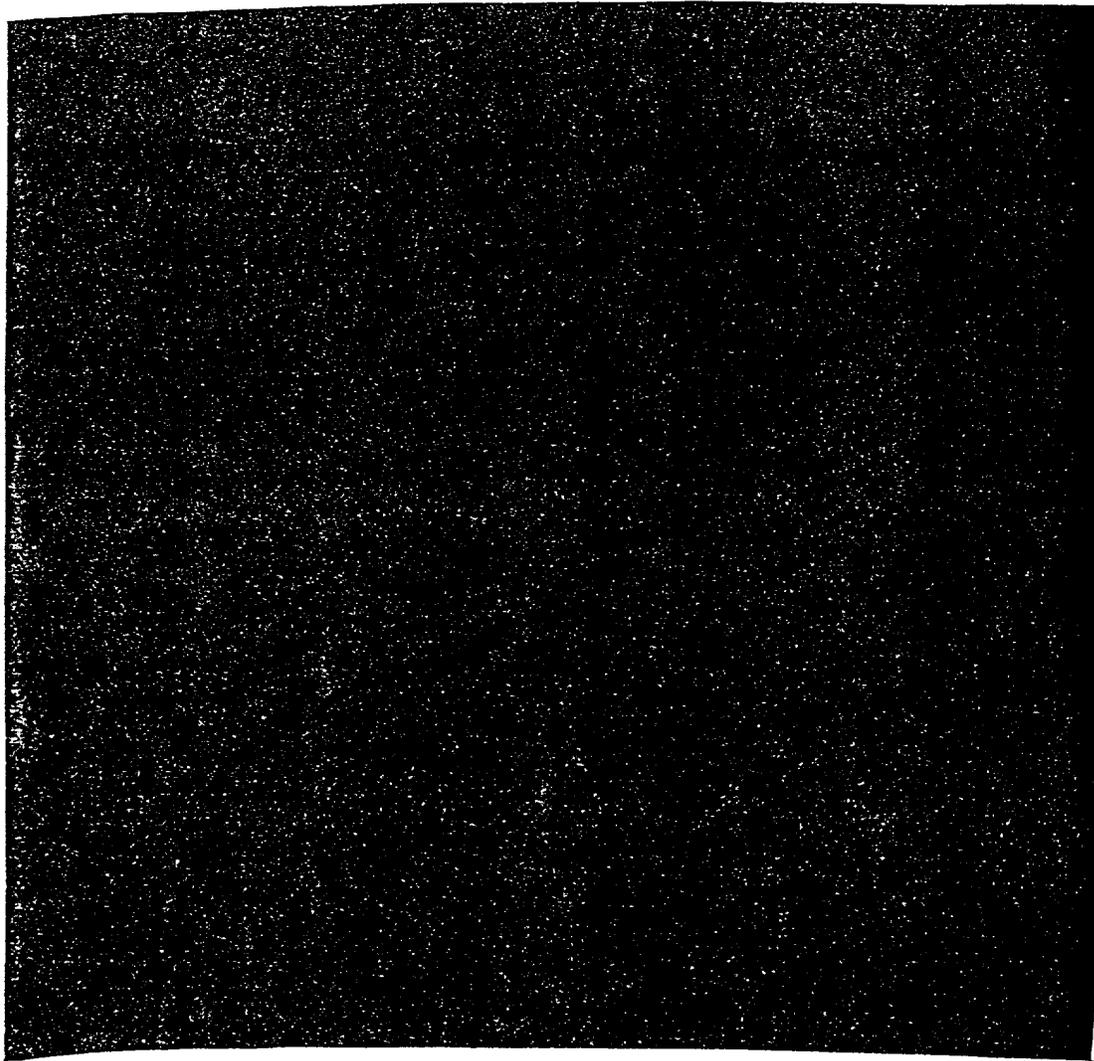


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Political Developments

British Parliament Supports Government's Policy

On Tuesday both houses of Parliament overwhelmingly backed the government's policy on the Gulf crisis, according to press. The House of Lords gave its full backing in a debate that did not conclude with a vote, and the House of Commons voted 534 to 57 in favor of allowing Prime Minister Major to commit British forces to combat. [REDACTED]

King Fahd Replies to Saddam

Saudi media yesterday publicized a letter from King Fahd which responded to Saddam's message of 14 January by refuting Saddam's accusations, emphasizing Iraq's transgressions, and reiterating Arab efforts to resolve the crisis. Perhaps stung by Saddam's complaint about paltry financial support, Fahd cited specific dollar amounts of aid given to Baghdad, totalling over \$25 billion. Fahd also accused Saddam of inflicting a deep wound on the Arab nation which will not heal quickly. Fahd challenged Saddam to prove that he is a responsible world leader by withdrawing immediately from Kuwait. [REDACTED]

