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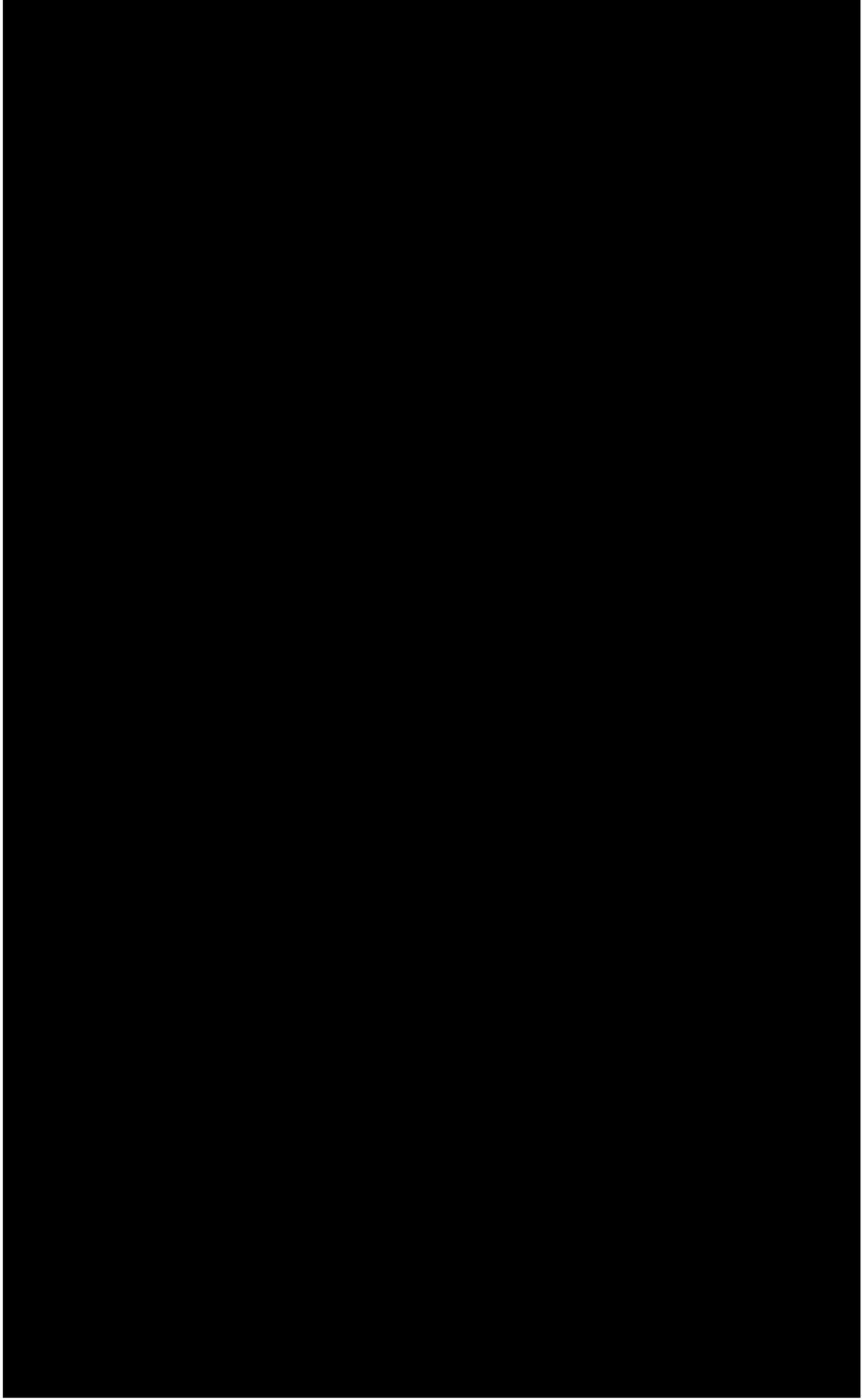
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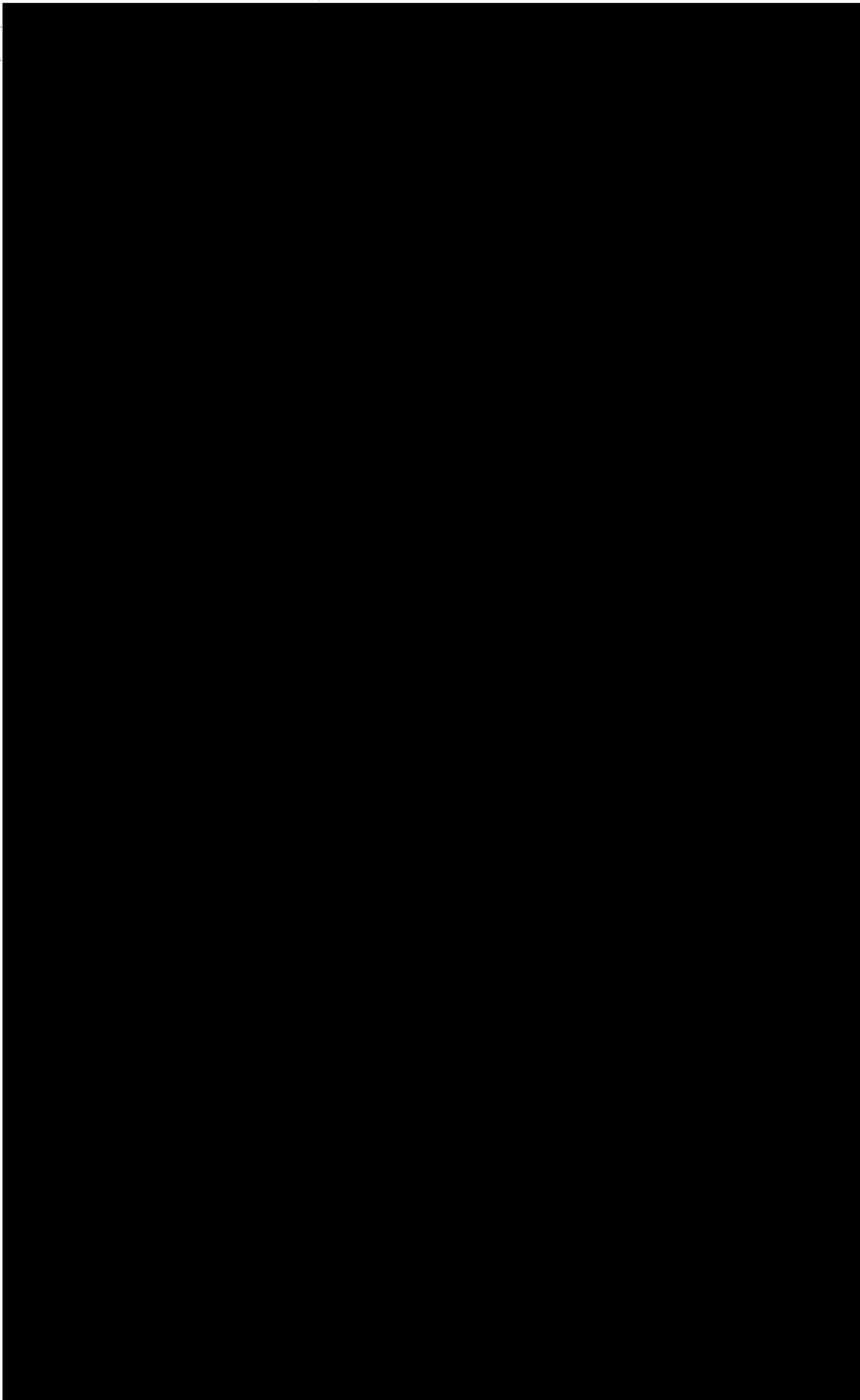
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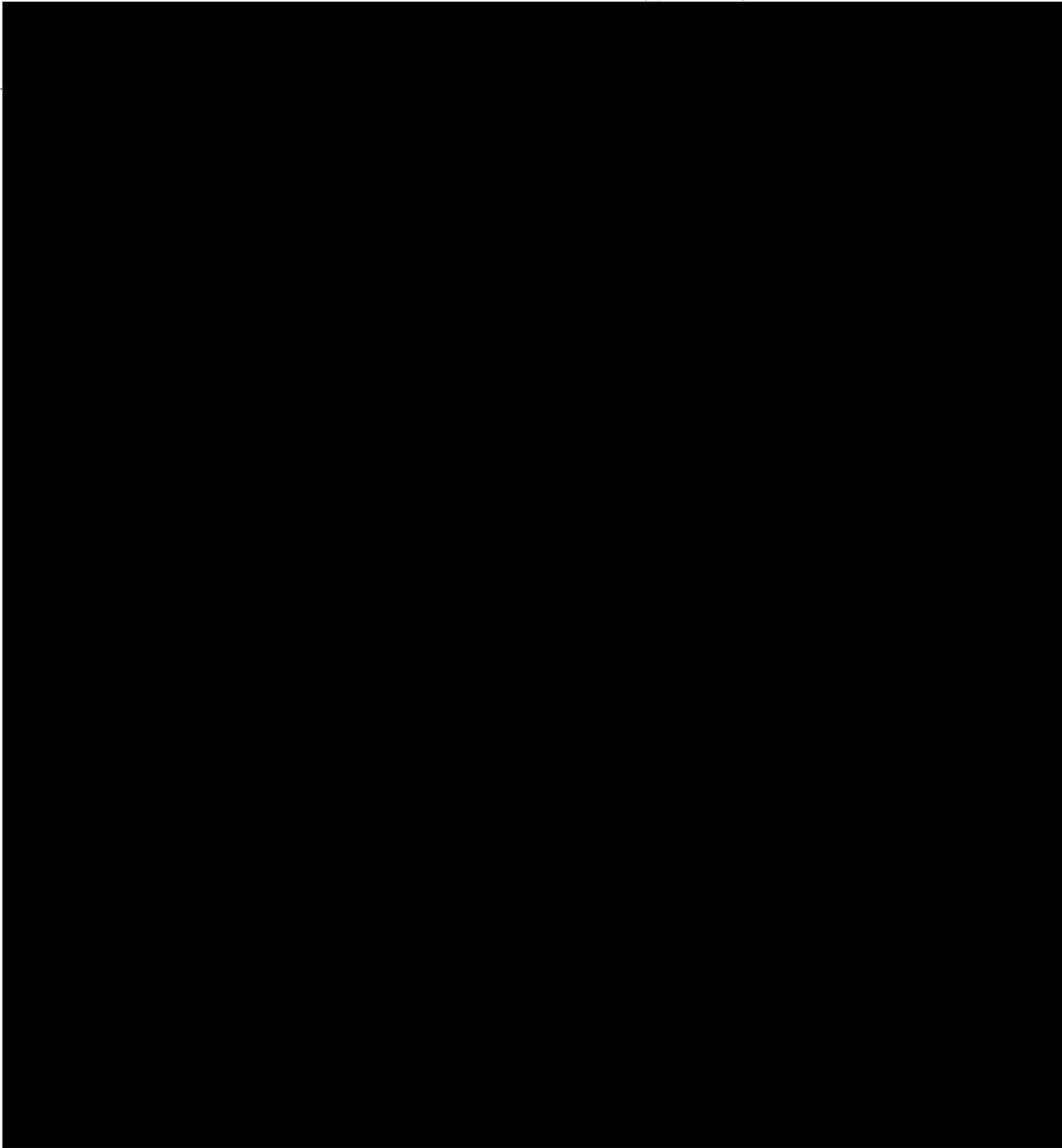
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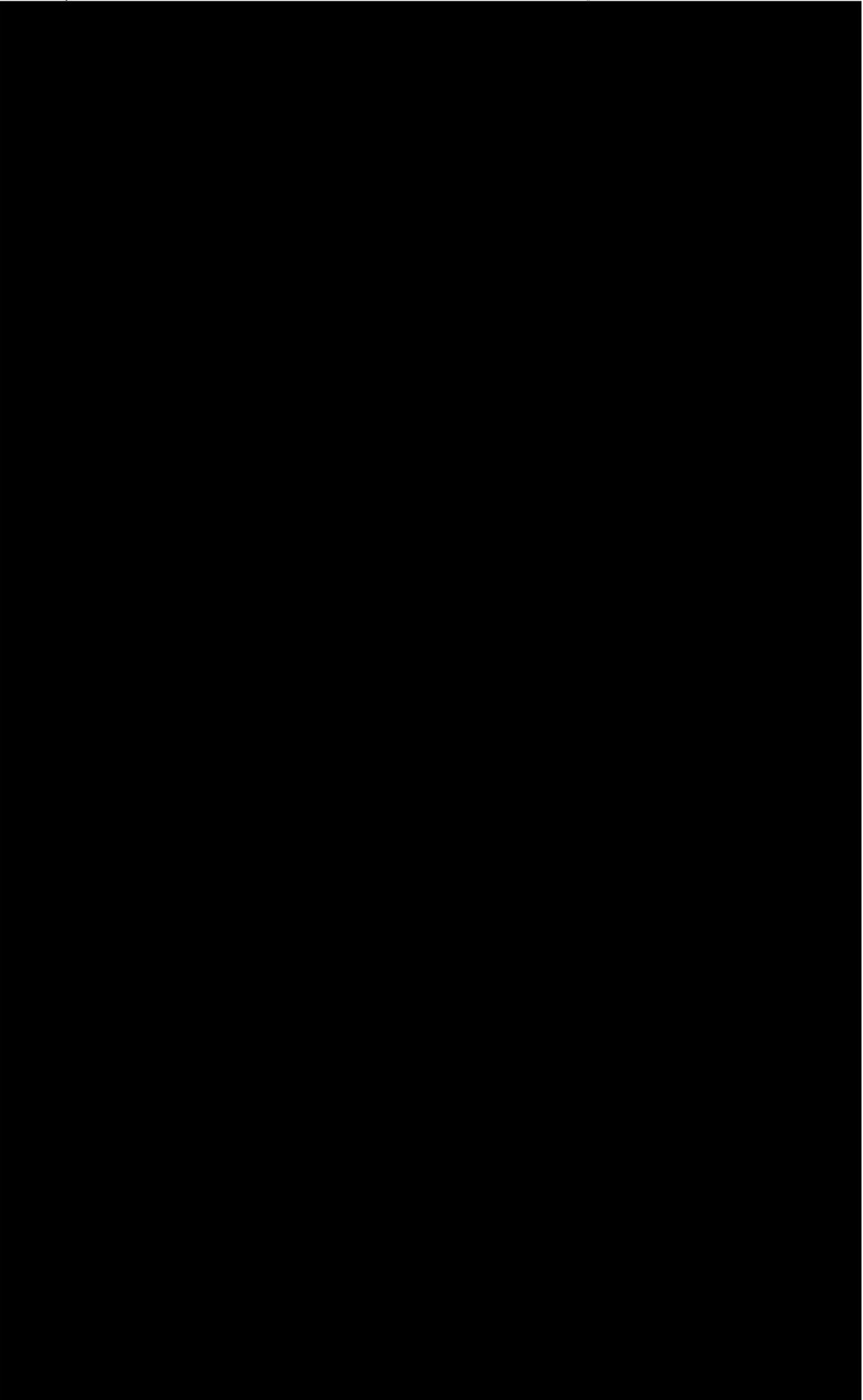




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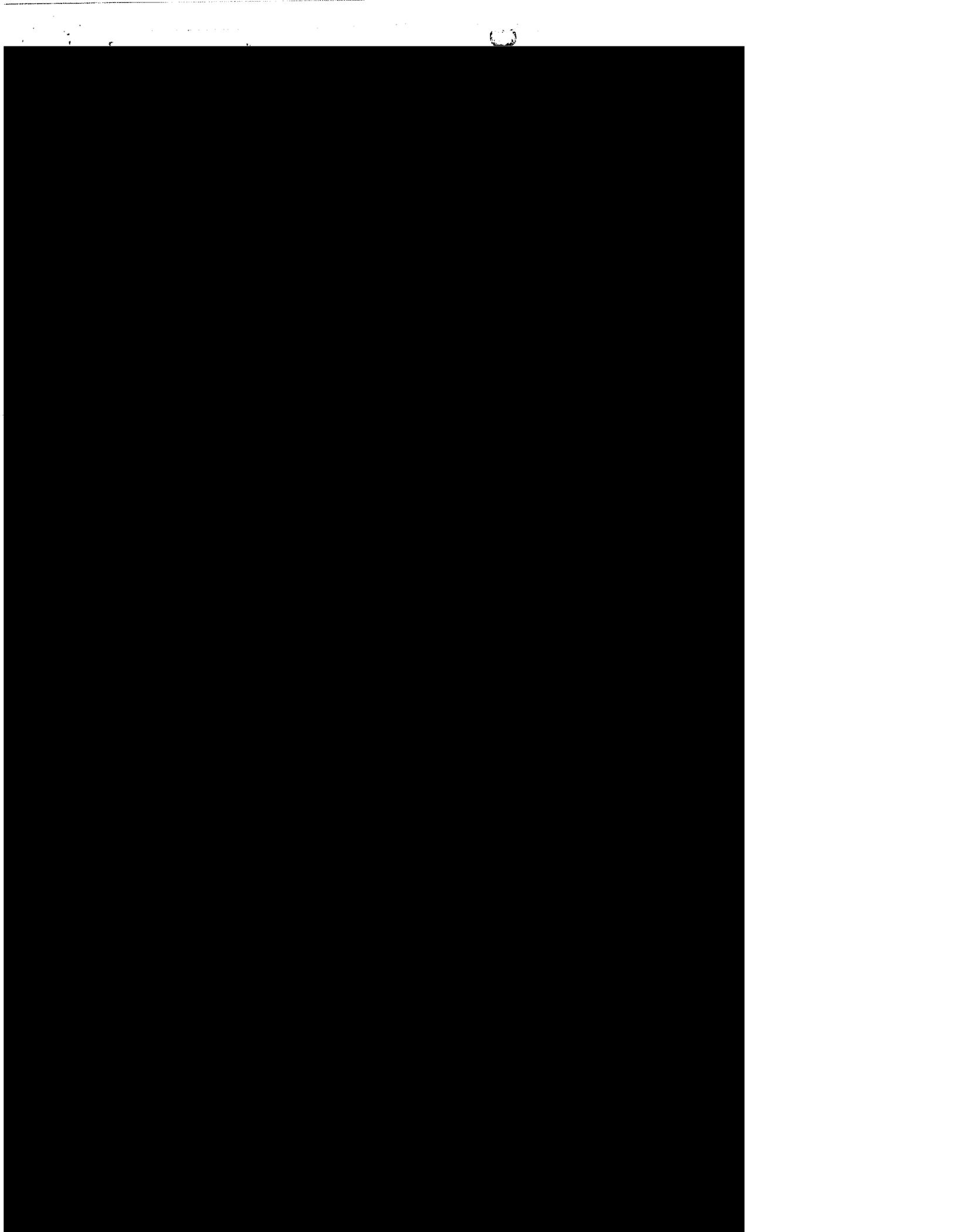
The underground organization EOKA has instructed Greek Cypriots to prepare for "battle" against the British by economic boycott and passive resistance. Greek Cypriots remain divided, however, and tension between their left and right wings could lead to violence at any time. Any progress toward a settlement of the Cyprus issue will be delayed for the immediate future by the Greek Government crisis. [REDACTED]

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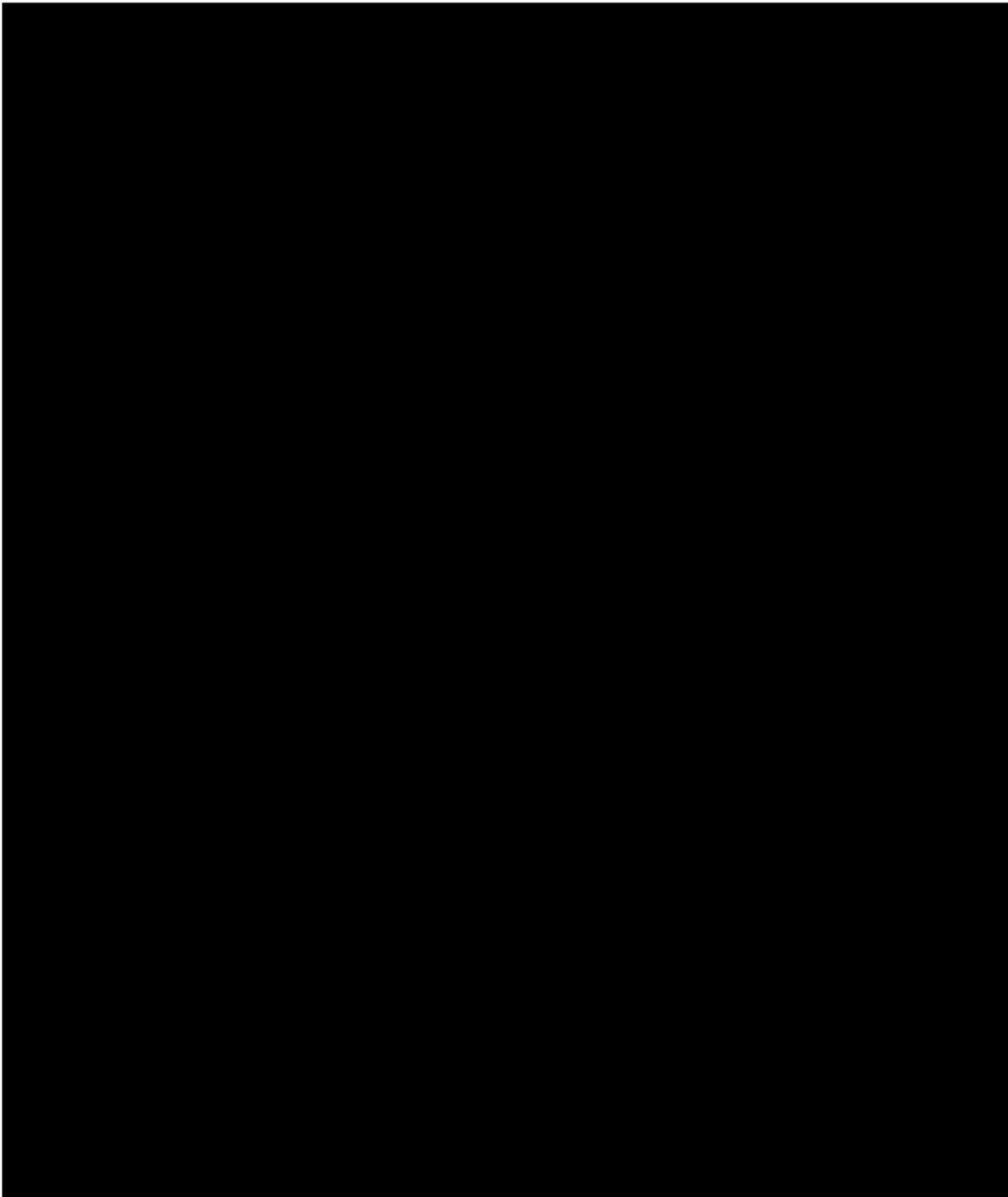






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All Greek Cypriots were instructed to prepare for "battle" against the British by economic boycott and passive resistance in a pamphlet distrib-

uted on 2 March and signed by Colonel Grivas, leader of the underground organization EOKA. Although the pamphlet emphasized nonviolence rather than

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renewal of all-out terrorism, Grivas did not renounce entirely the use of armed force. In line with this new policy, there have been mass resignations from office by Greek Cypriot village leaders. These moves may be followed by a Greek Cypriot boycott of all British goods, refusal to pay taxes, and nonassociation with British nationals on Cyprus.

Grivas apparently decided to emphasize a campaign of passive resistance following a request from Archbishop Makarios that violence not be renewed. Passive resistance would be in accord with the recommendations of many influential Greeks and Greek Cypriots who believe that only the Turks would benefit from renewed terrorist attacks by EOKA at this time. They prefer to wait for a British Labor government, which they feel would be more sympathetic to Cypriot self-determination, to take office.

Tension between left- and right-wing Greek Cypriots remains high, and further inter-ethnic violence could erupt at any time. Left-wing leaders continue to demand a voice in island affairs through representation on the Cypriot Ethnarchy Council. Right-wing nationalists have replied with threats and at least one attempt on the life of a leftist leader.

Following Foreign Secretary Lloyd's recent conversations in Ankara and Athens, there have been numerous reports that Britain is studying a plan which would grant Turkey a military base on Cyprus but would also provide for enosis--union of the island with Greece. Efforts to achieve a solution are likely to be delayed, however, by the present Greek government crisis. No significant advance on the Cyprus issue is likely prior to the Greek national elections, now expected in late April. 

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