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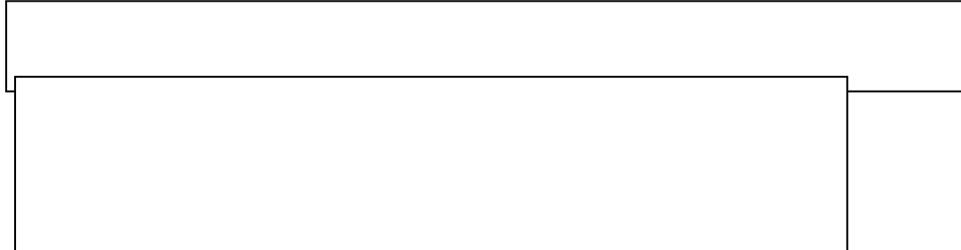
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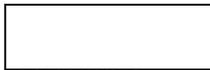
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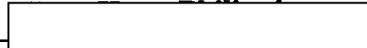


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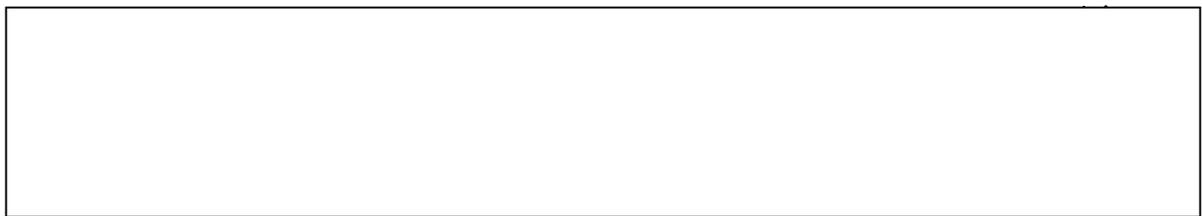
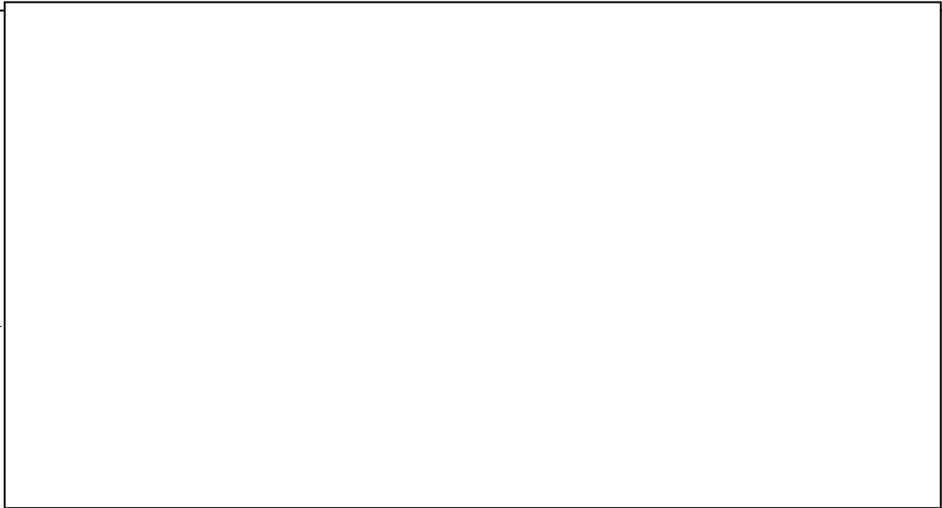
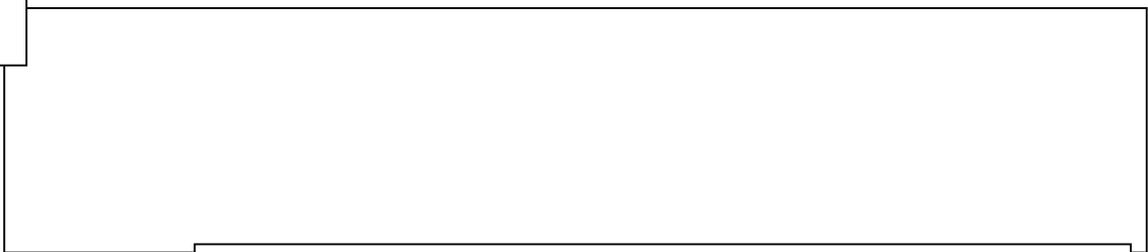
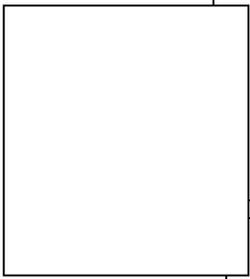
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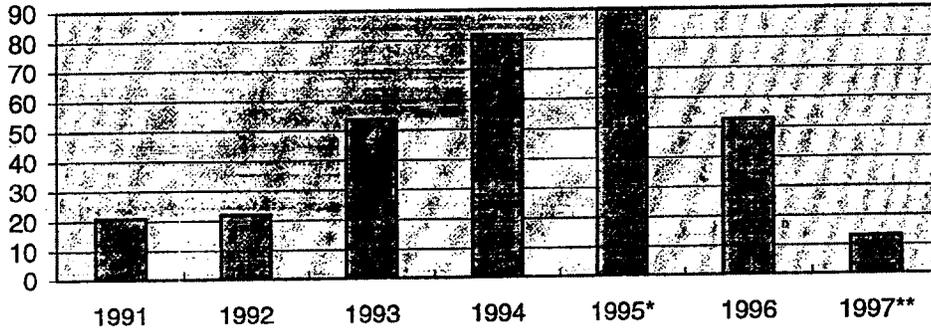
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Amounts of Illicit Drugs Seized in Russia (in Metric Tons)

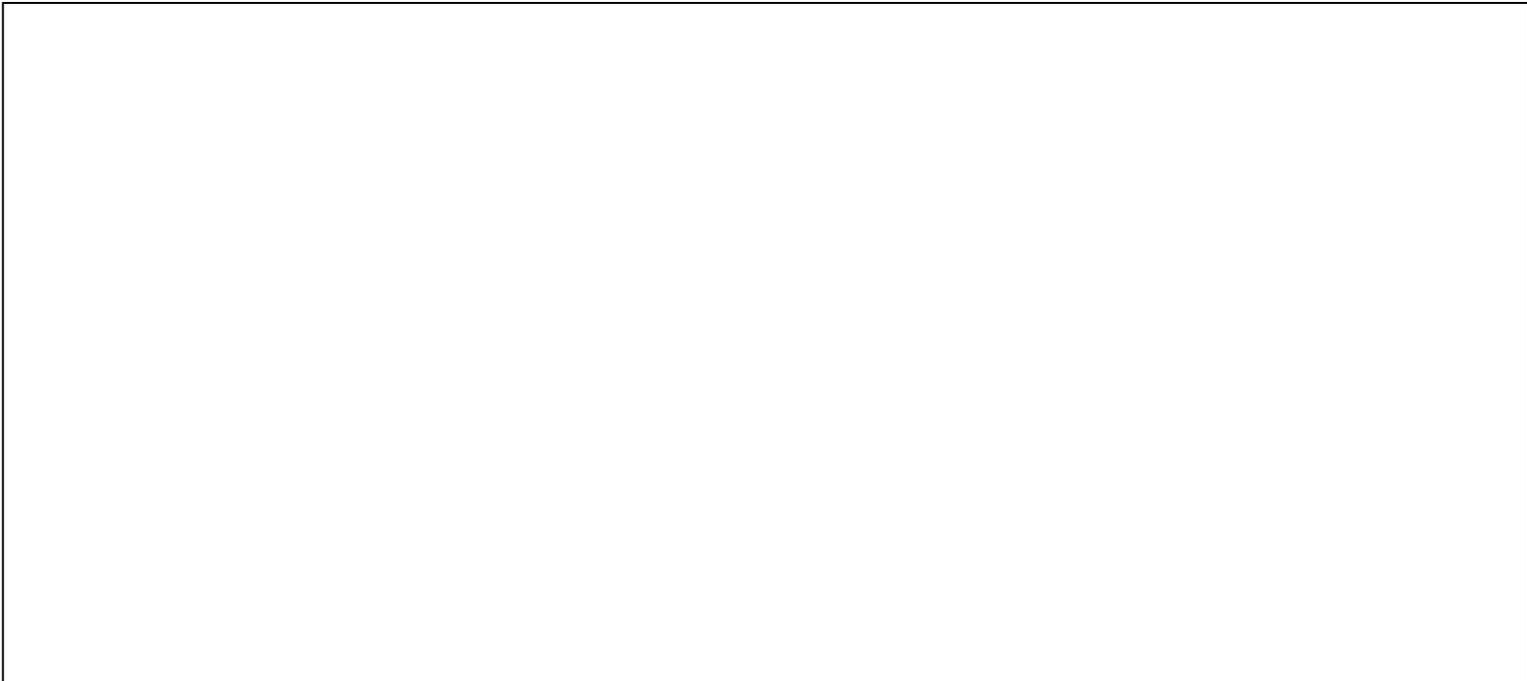


* Estimate of Russian officials given to US Embassy in Moscow.

** During first half of the year.

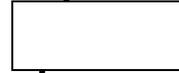


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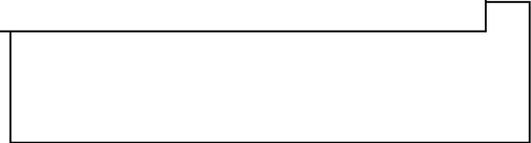
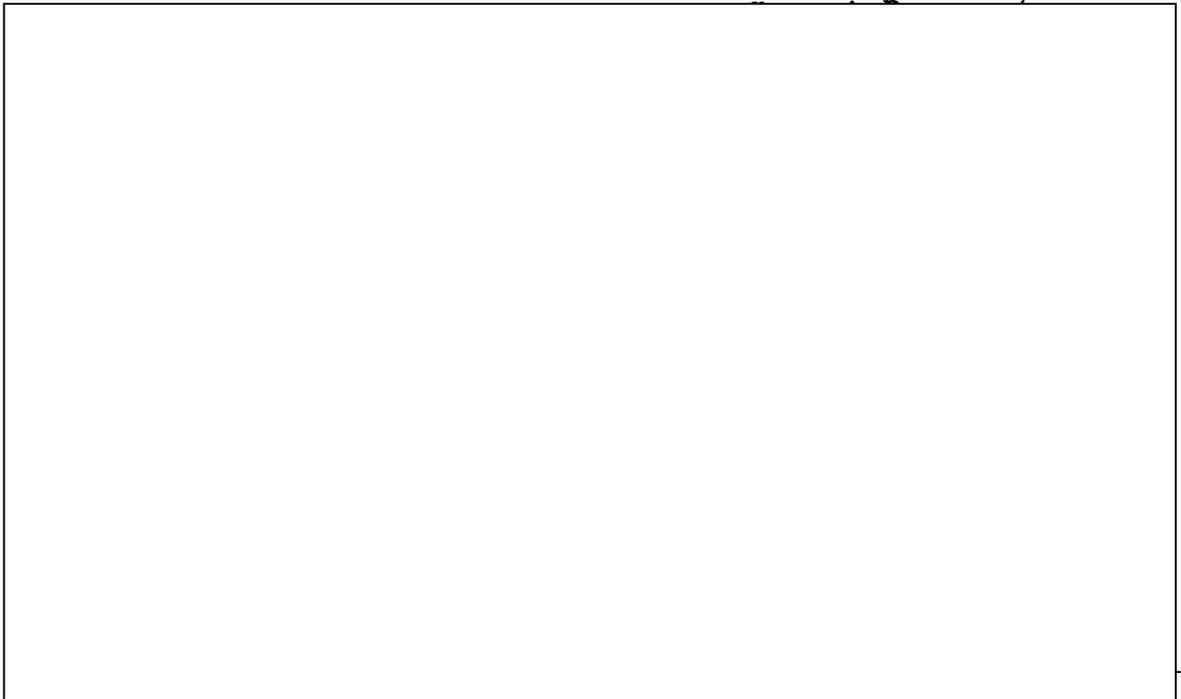
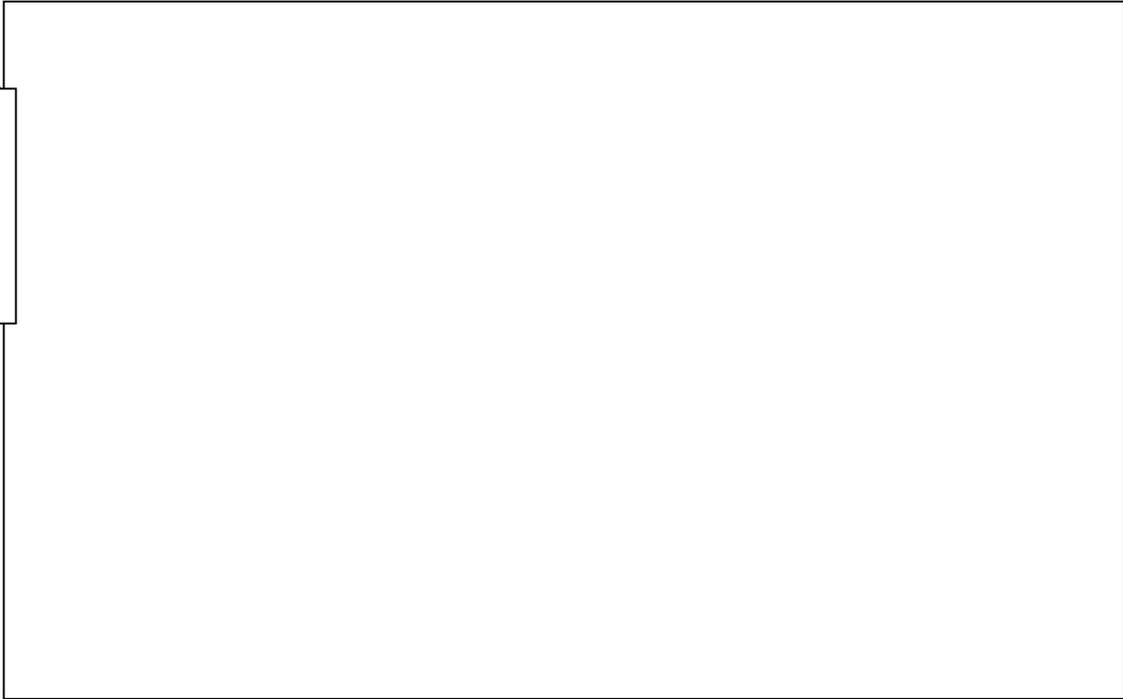
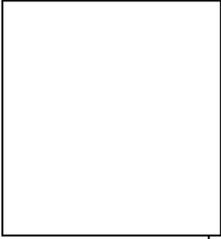
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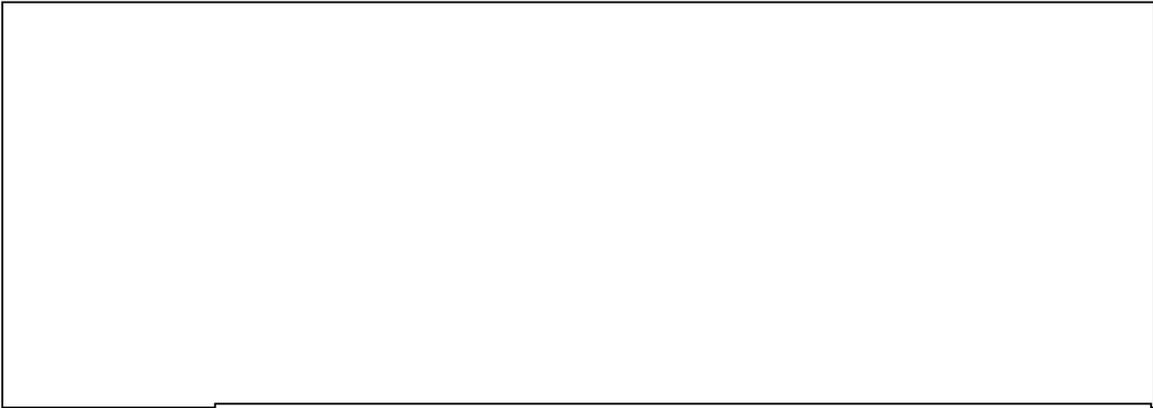
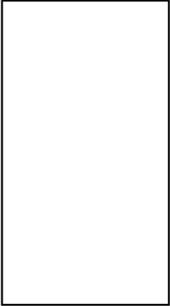
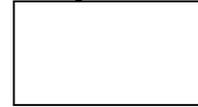
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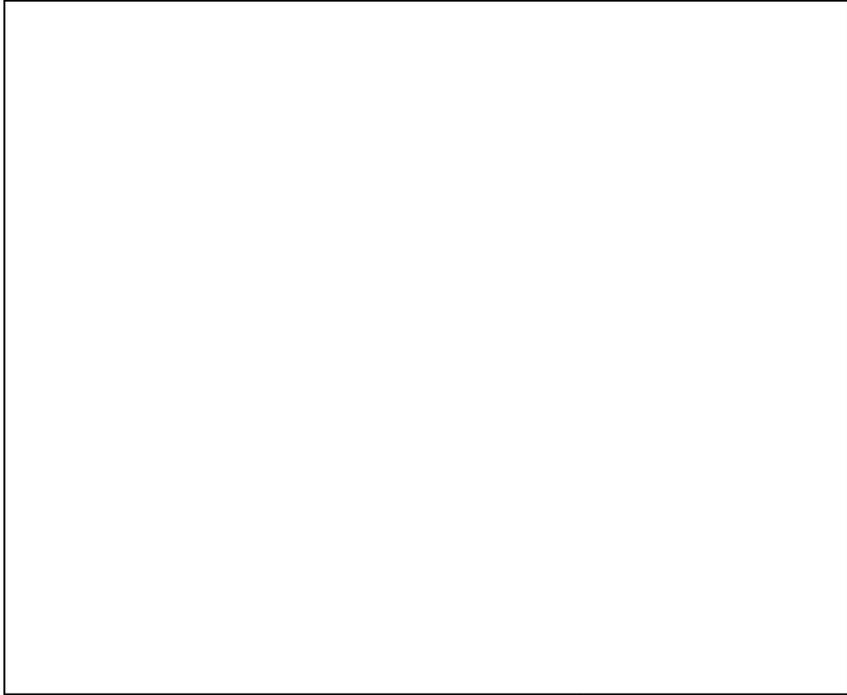


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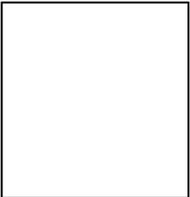
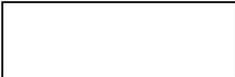
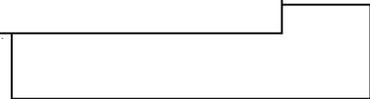
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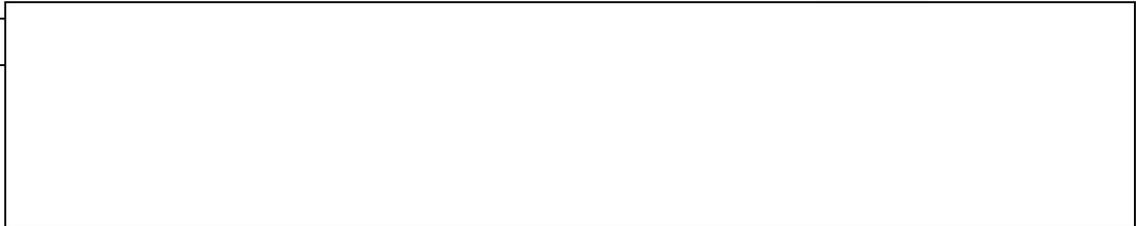
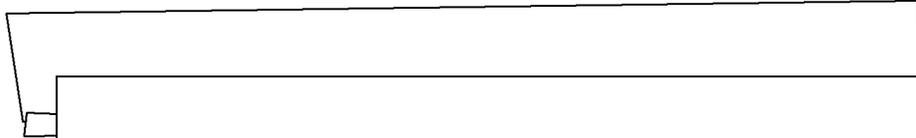
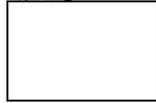
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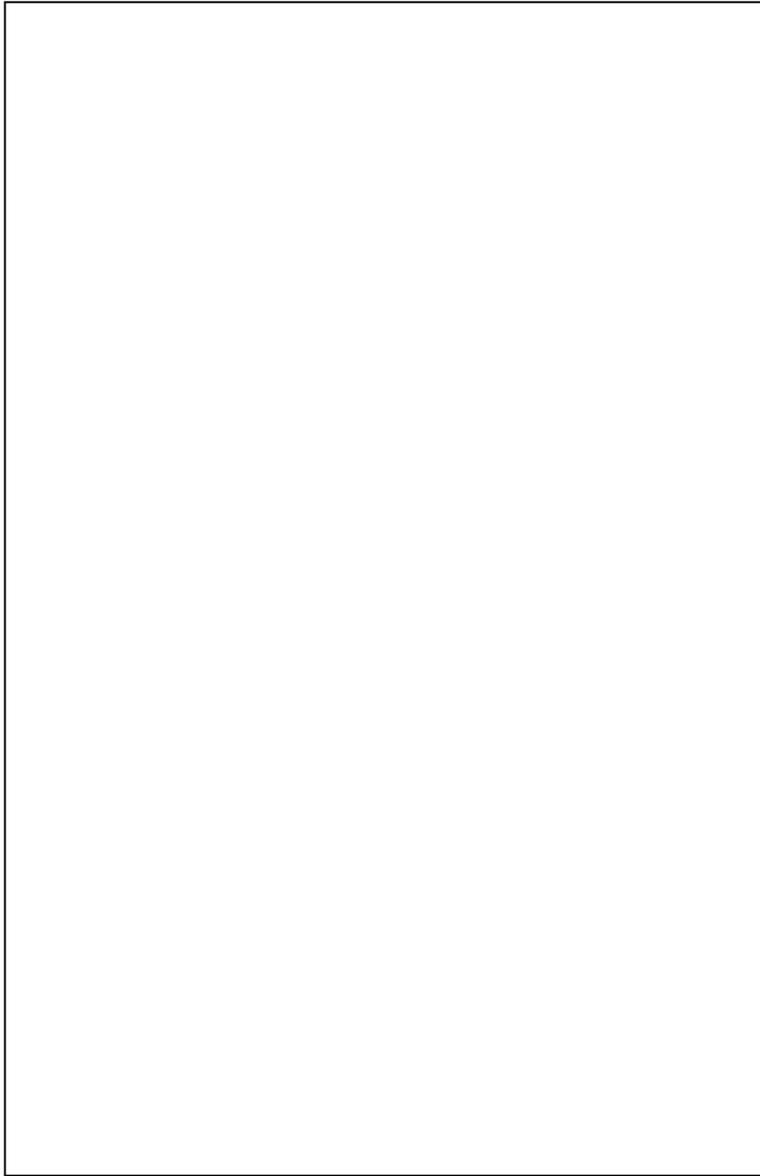
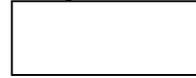
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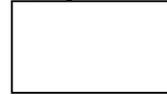


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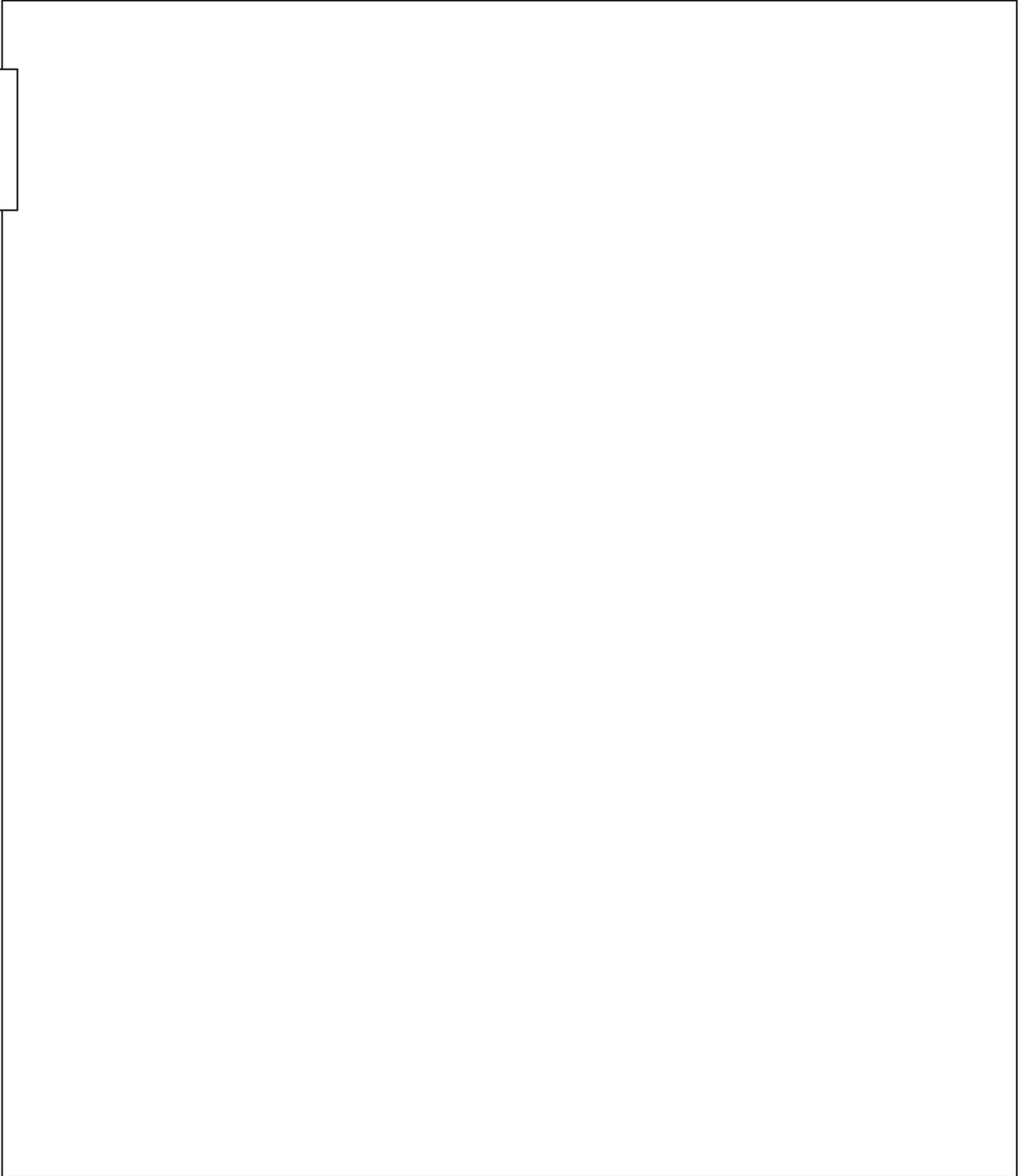


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[redacted] . Ramirez reportedly has described Mexico as a place where he can work without problems . . . *because semirefined cocaine base and finished cocaine hydrochloride weigh about the same, transportation of base to Mexico poses few additional hurdles to traffickers seeking to process final cocaine there . . . nonetheless, most Colombian cocaine shipments to Mexico continue to be in the form of hydrochloride.* [redacted]

Colombia's Senate approved bill last week allowing extradition of nationals but excluding retroactive actions, probably due to pressure from narcotics traffickers . . . Foreign Minister and Justice Minister noted drug traffickers pressured senators to block extradition in bill, [redacted] . . . although bill still needs to be approved by a committee and full House of Representatives, [redacted] believes retroactivity probably will remain excluded . . . if bill passes without retroactivity, Bogota unable to extradite drug traffickers such as jailed Cali cartel leaders Miguel and Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela. [redacted]

United Kingdom's Ambassador to **Colombia** and Minister of State for Latin American Relations observing illegal crop eradication last week in southwest when FARC rebels' gunfire hit plane involved in spraying, according to press reporting . . . pilot slightly injured . . . in past 12 months, 30 US Department of State-owned aircraft, 29 of which were involved in spraying activity, attacked in Colombia, [redacted] [redacted] . . . *no indication so far that rebels targeting the British officials.* [redacted]

