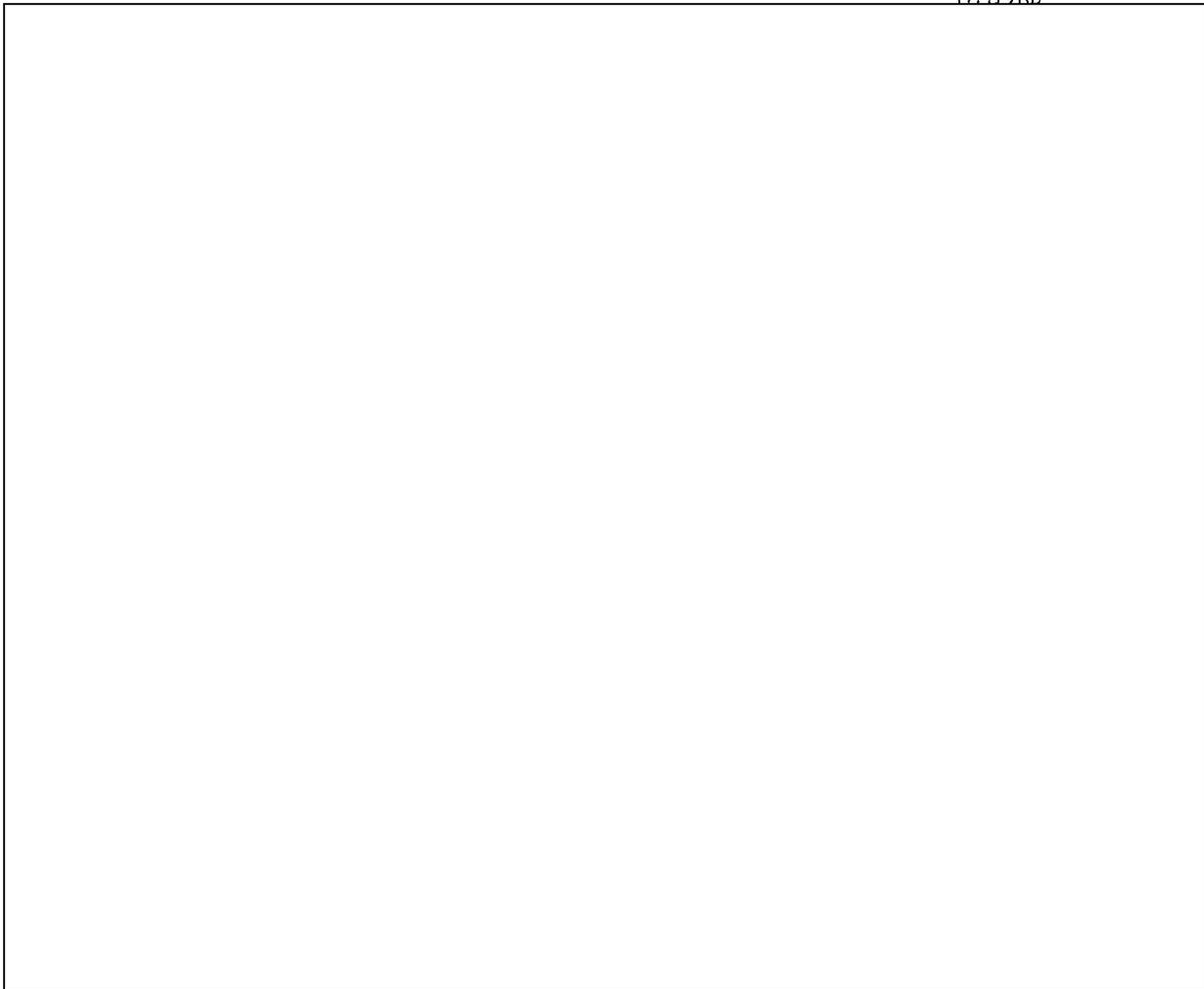


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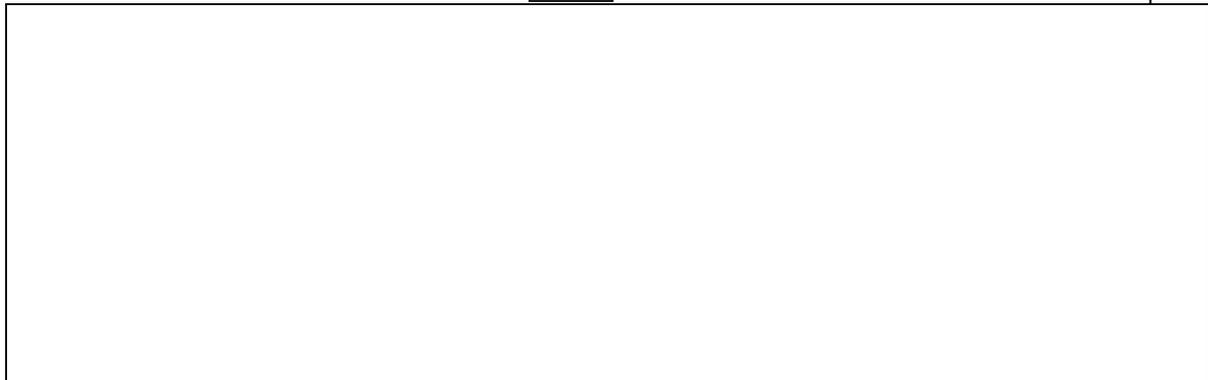
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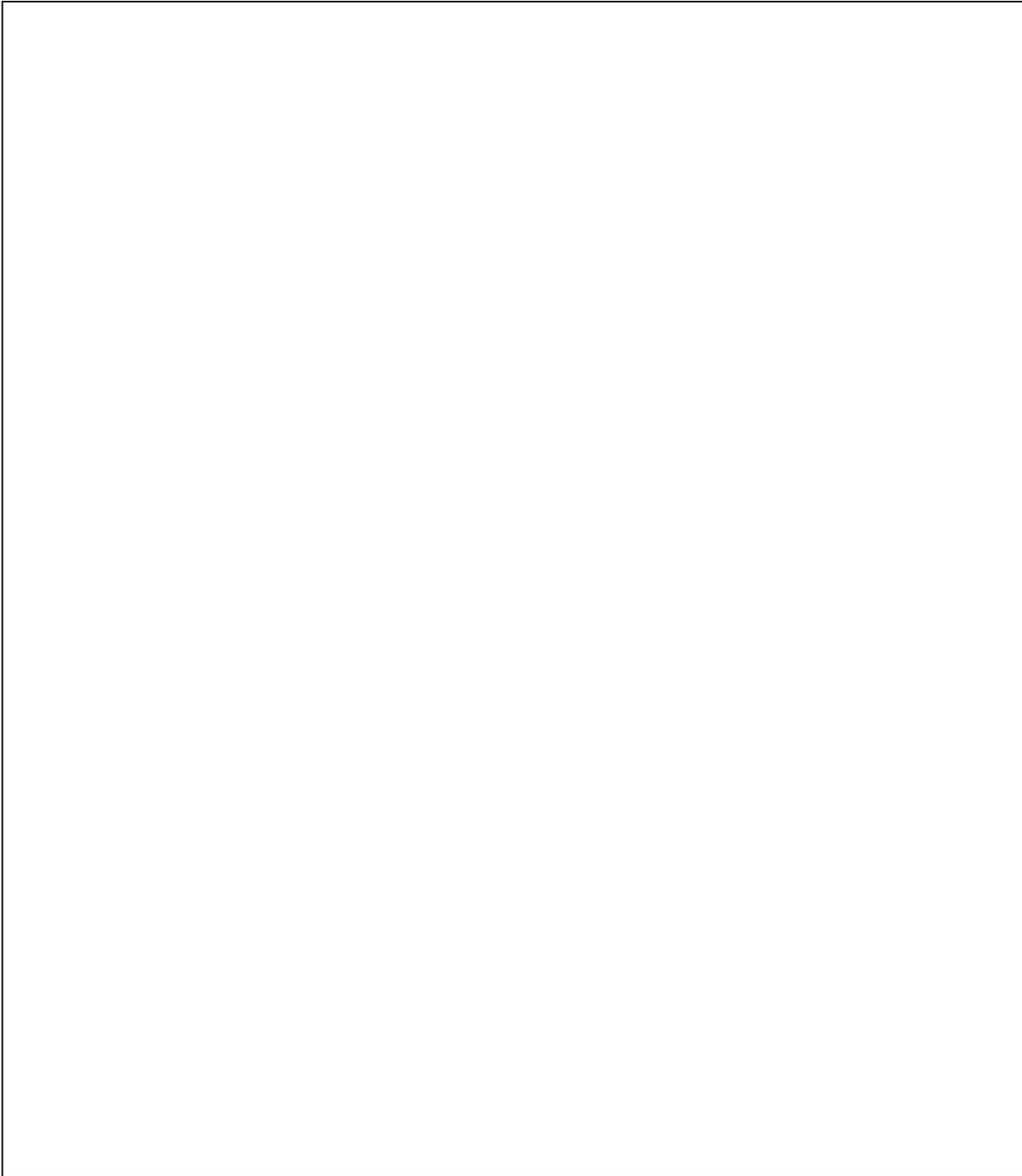


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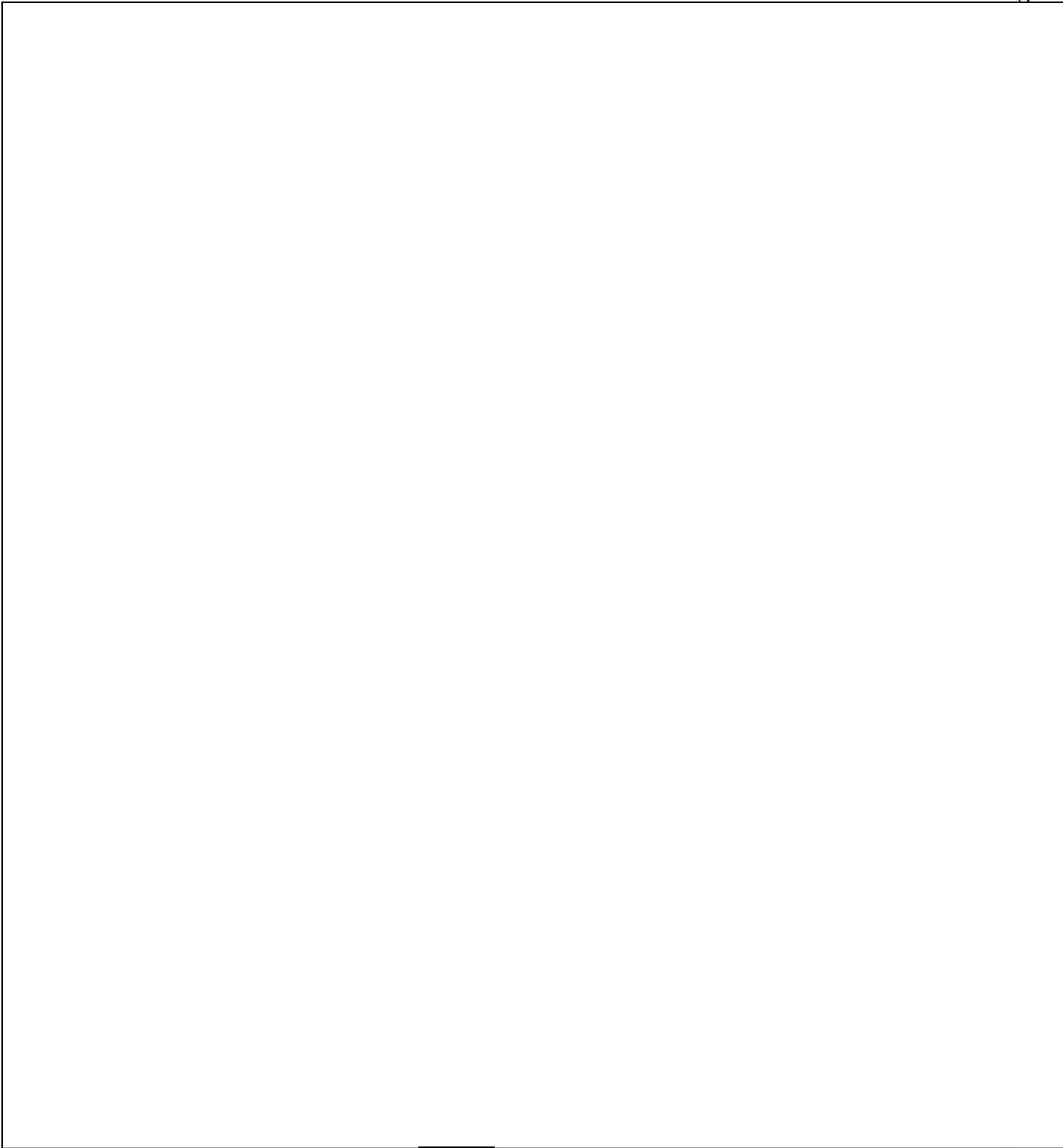
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TO JORDAN AMID REPORTS OF VIOLENCE NEAR THE CAPITAL. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] MOST OF THE RIOTING HAS SUBSIDED, BUT OCCASIONAL  
VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE STILL OCCURRING. PRESS REPORTS SAY  
RIOTERS BURNED A BANK IN MADABA, 30 KILOMETERS FROM AMMAN, YESTERDAY  
AND DEMONSTRATORS THREW STONES IN AS SALT, 20 KILOMETERS FROM THE  
CAPITAL. MOST OF JORDAN'S ARMED FORCES ARE ON ALERT, AND ARMY UNITS  
ARE DEPLOYED AT MANY ROAD JUNCTIONS BETWEEN AL QATRANAH AND MA'AN,  
WHERE RIOTING OCCURRED TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ALTHOUGH AN ARMY UNIT FIRED AT CIVILIANS WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT IN ONE SMALL TOWN, THE POLICE APPARENTLY ARE STILL HANDLING  
MOST SECURITY DUTIES IN THE LARGE TOWNS AND CITIES. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: HUSSEIN'S RETURN IS LIKELY TO REDUCE THE UNREST. THE  
DEMONSTRATORS HAVE REMAINED LOYAL TO THE CROWN BUT ARE PRESSING FOR  
THE DISMISSAL OF PRIME MINISTER RIFA'I, WHOM THEY BLAME FOR  
MISMANAGING JORDAN'S ECONOMY. HUSSEIN PRESUMABLY WILL CONTINUE  
APPEALING FOR PATIENCE WITH THE AUSTERITY PROGRAM AND BLAMING  
JORDAN'S FINANCIAL STRAITS ON THE SHORTFALL OF PROMISED ARAB AID. HE  
MAY ALSO OFFER TOKEN CONCESSIONS TO SOFTEN THE BLOW OF AUSTERITY. IF  
THE DISORDERS CONTINUE, HE IS LIKELY TO ORDER INCREASED MILITARY  
INTERVENTION BUT MAY SACRIFICE RIFA'I. [REDACTED]

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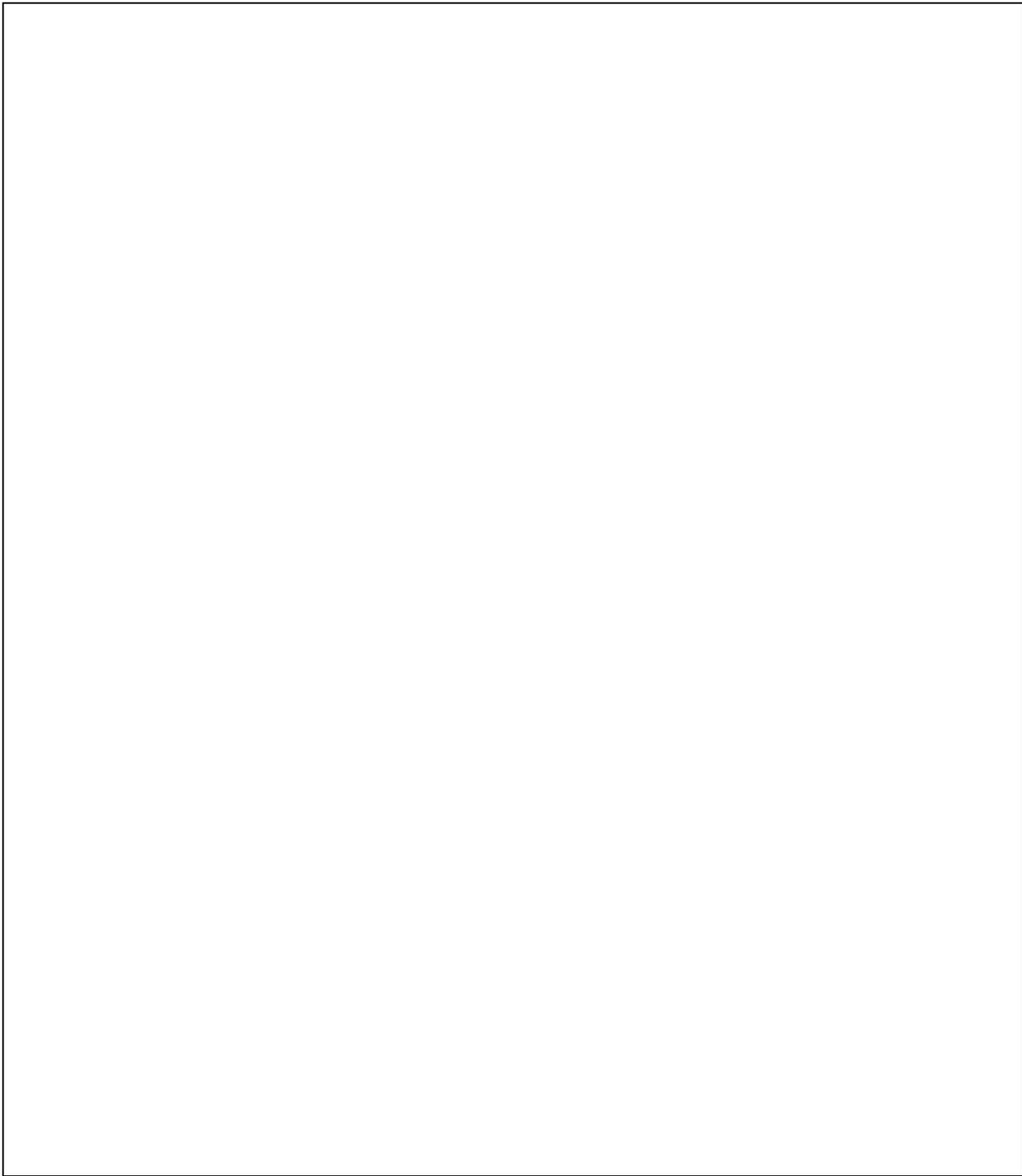
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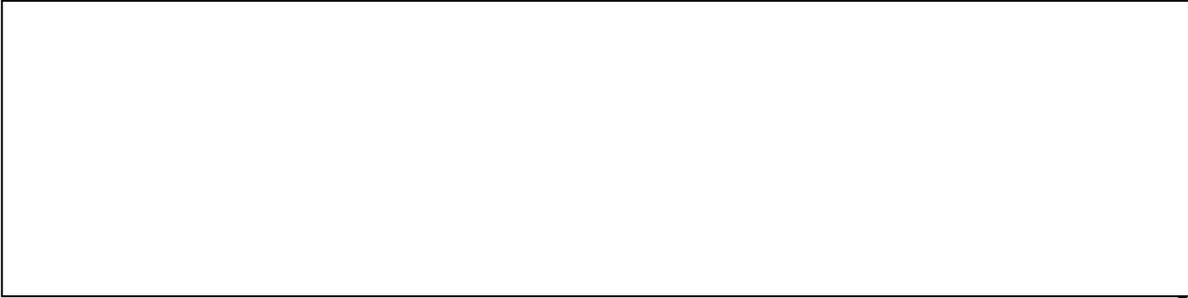
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