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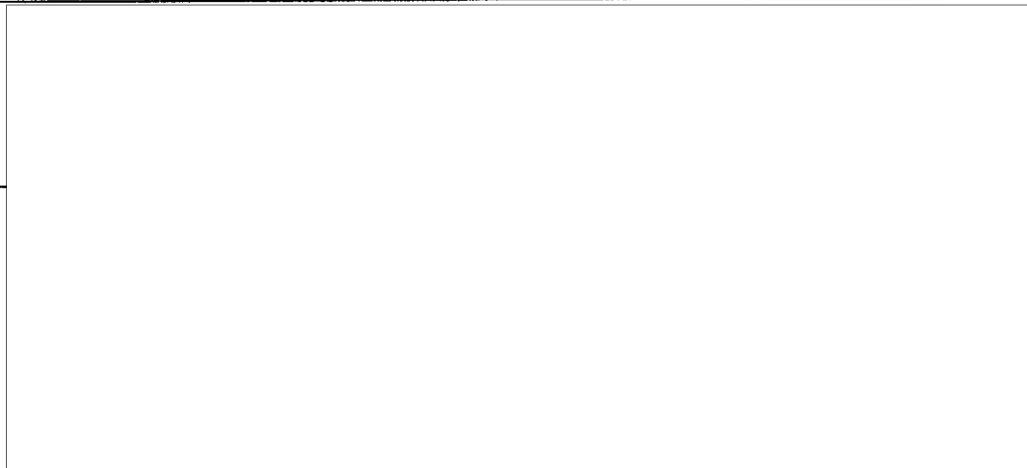
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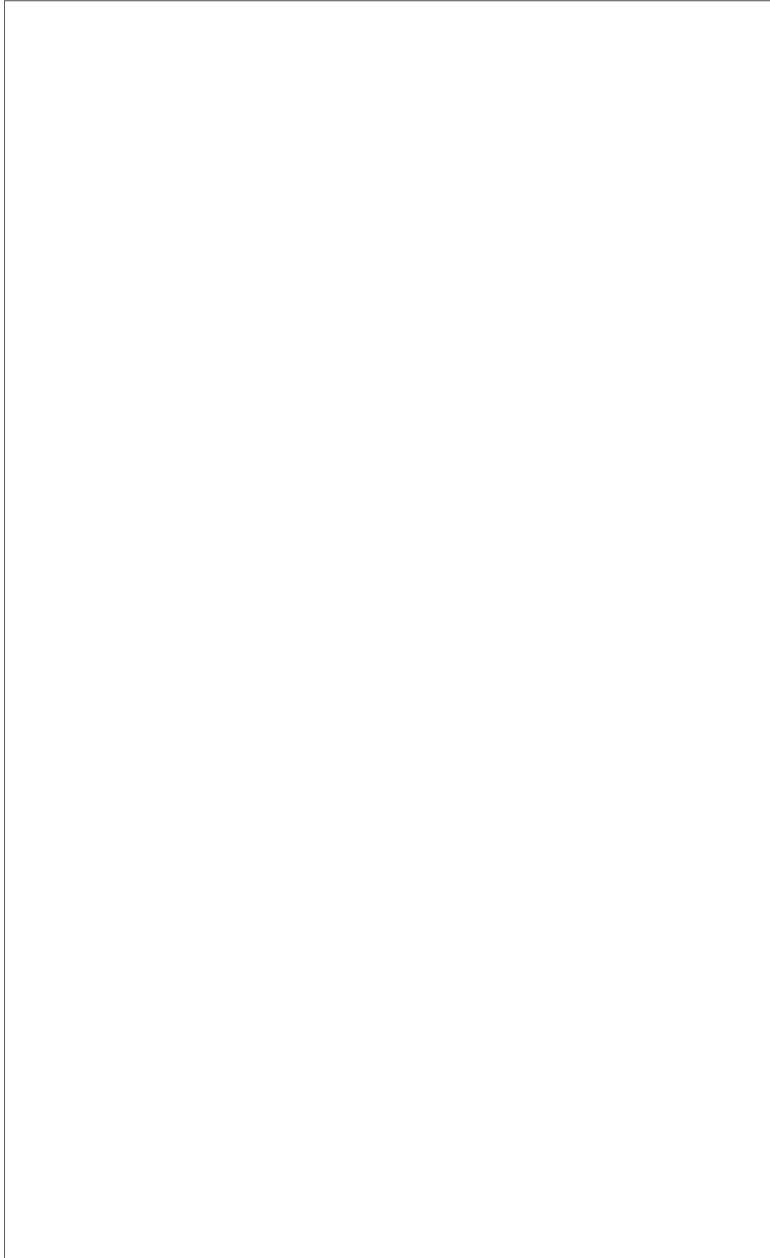
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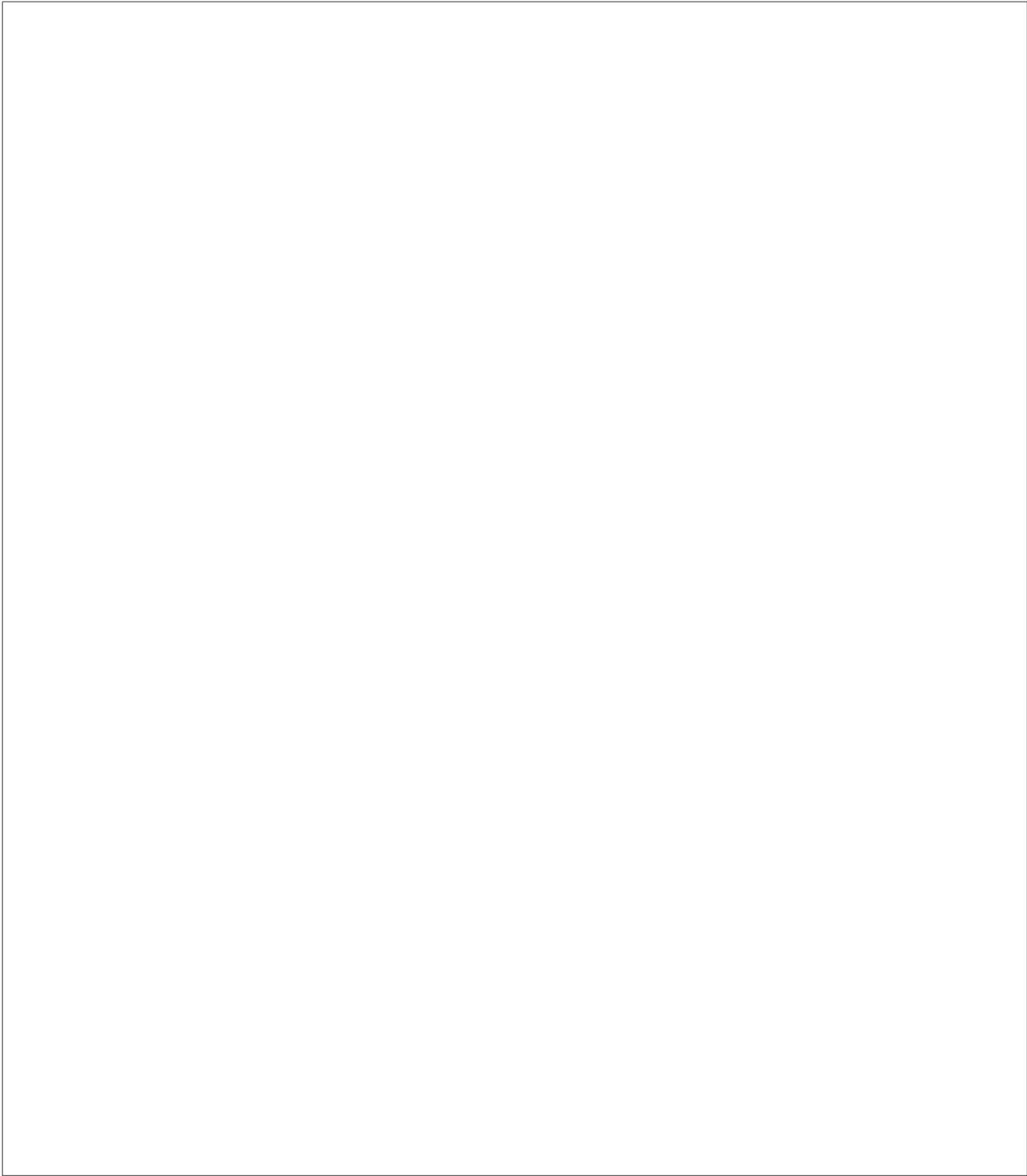
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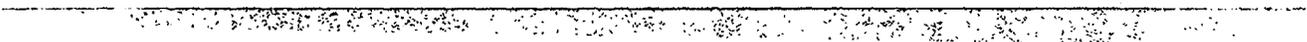


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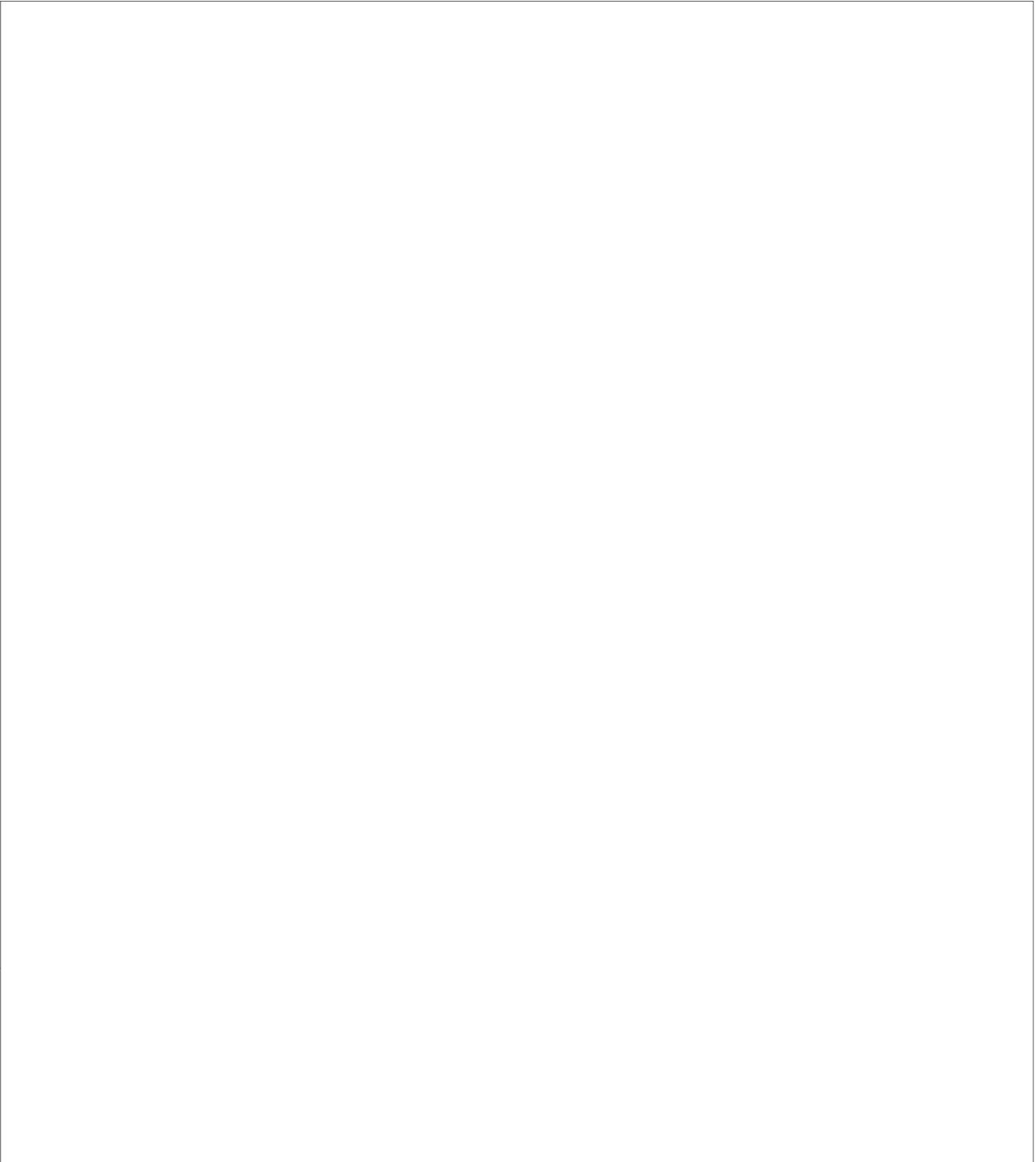
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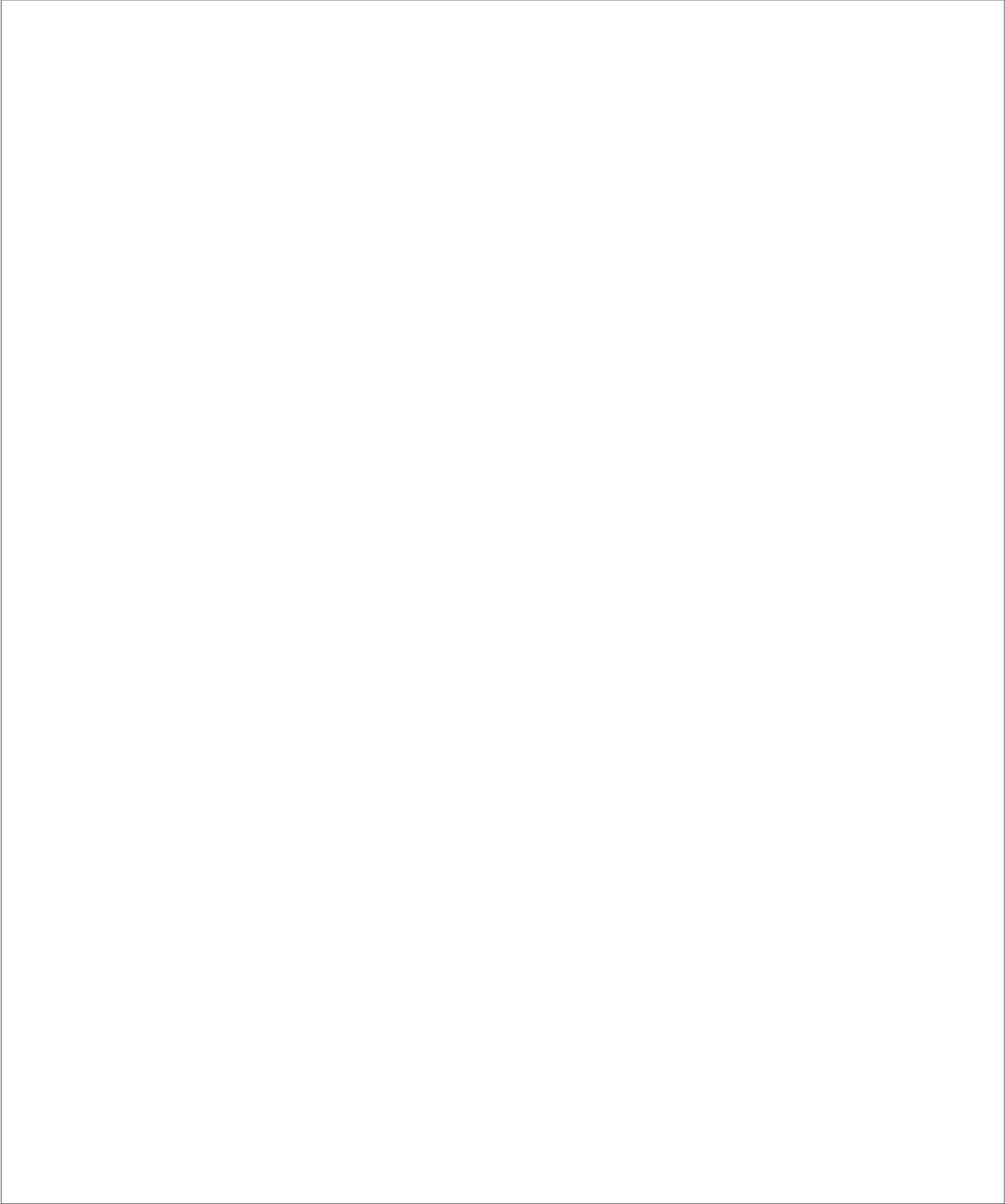
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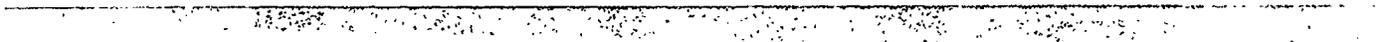


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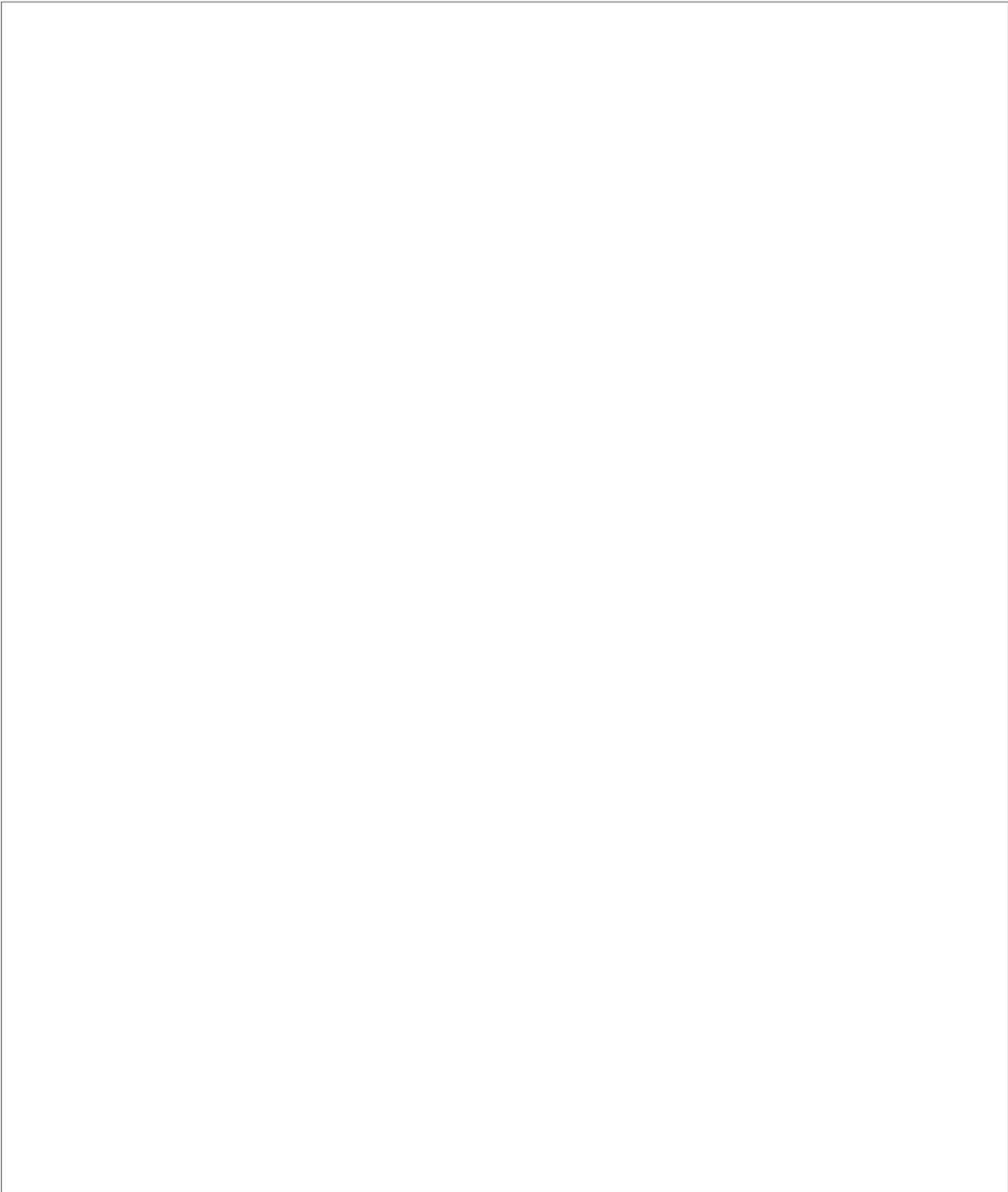


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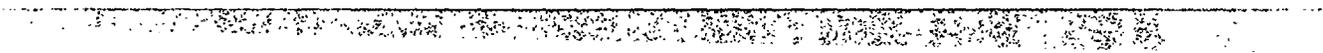


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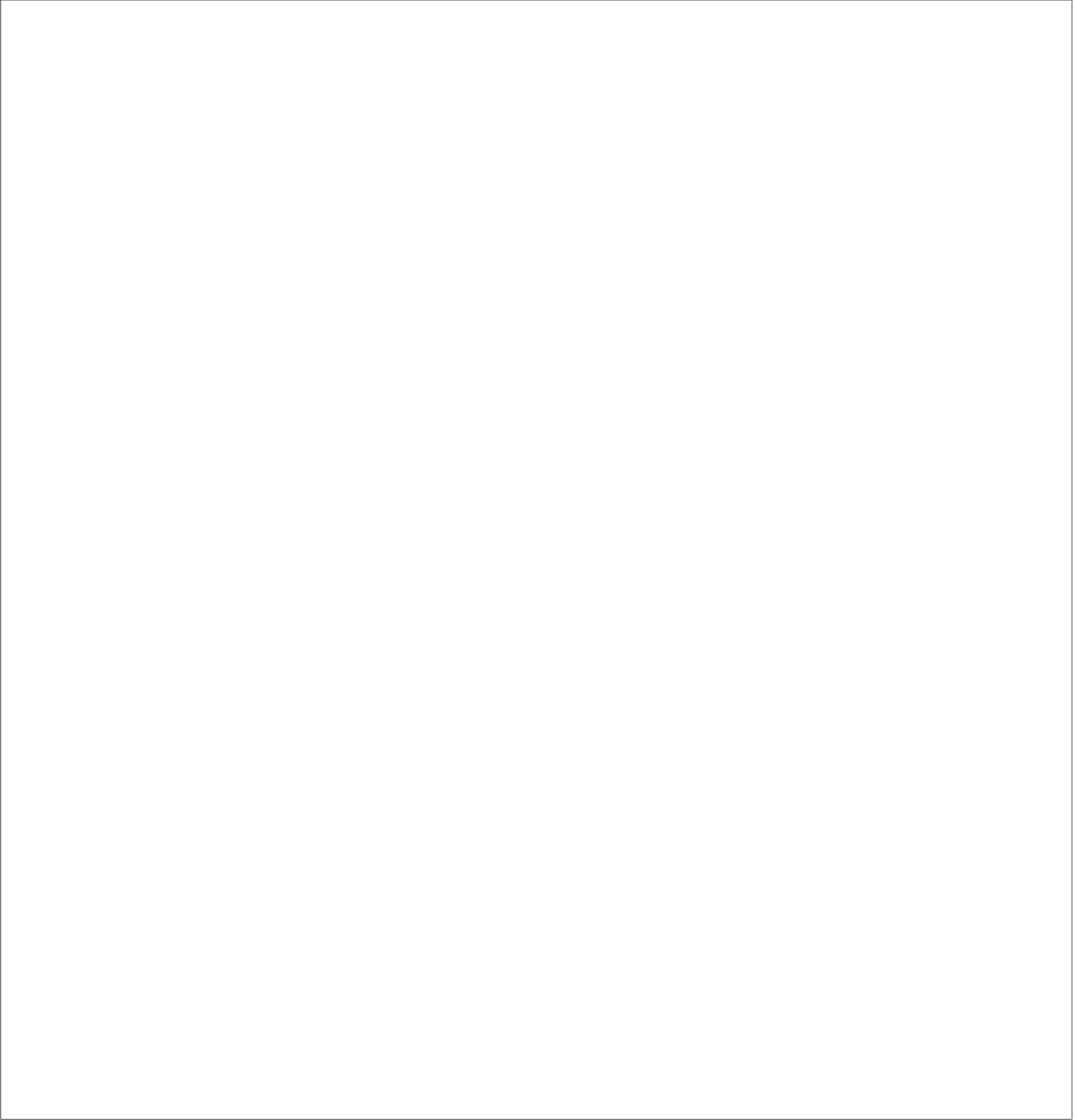


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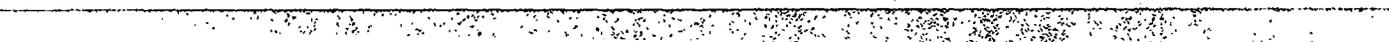
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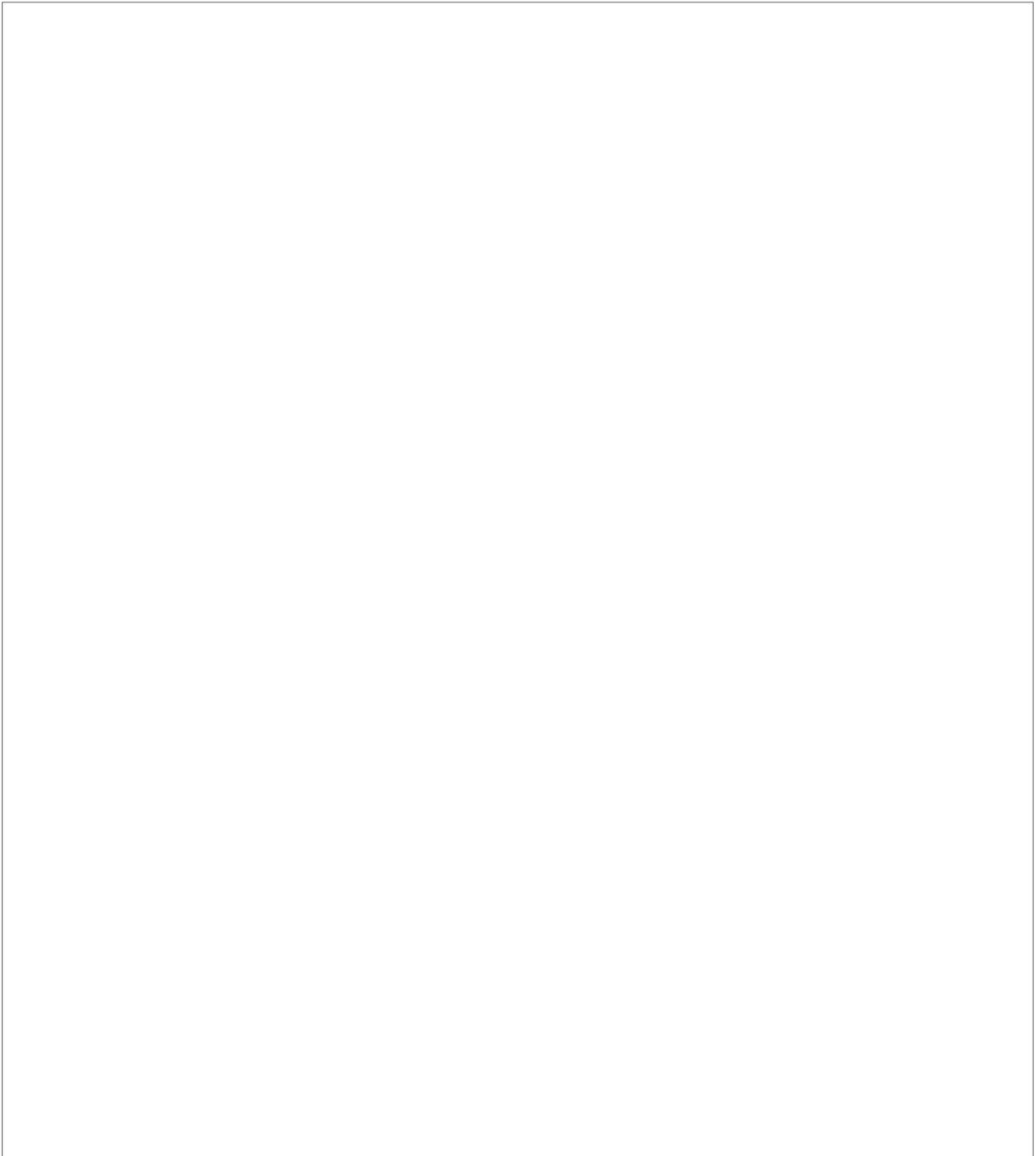


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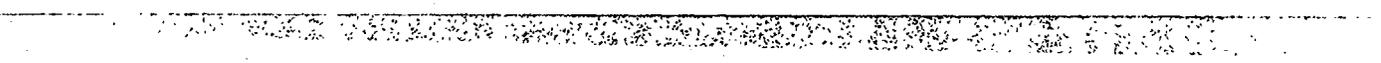


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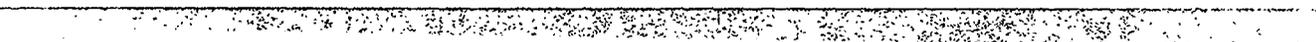


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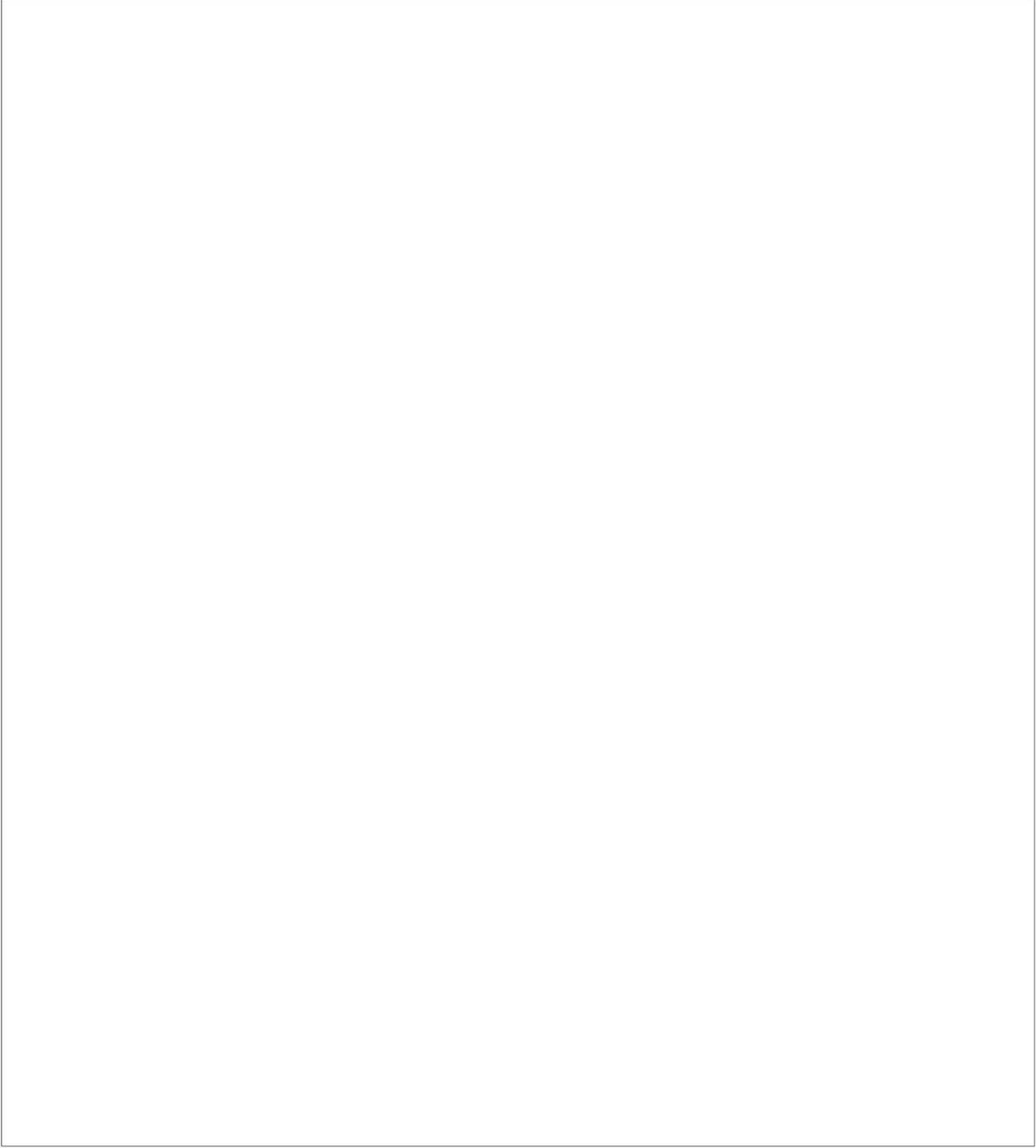


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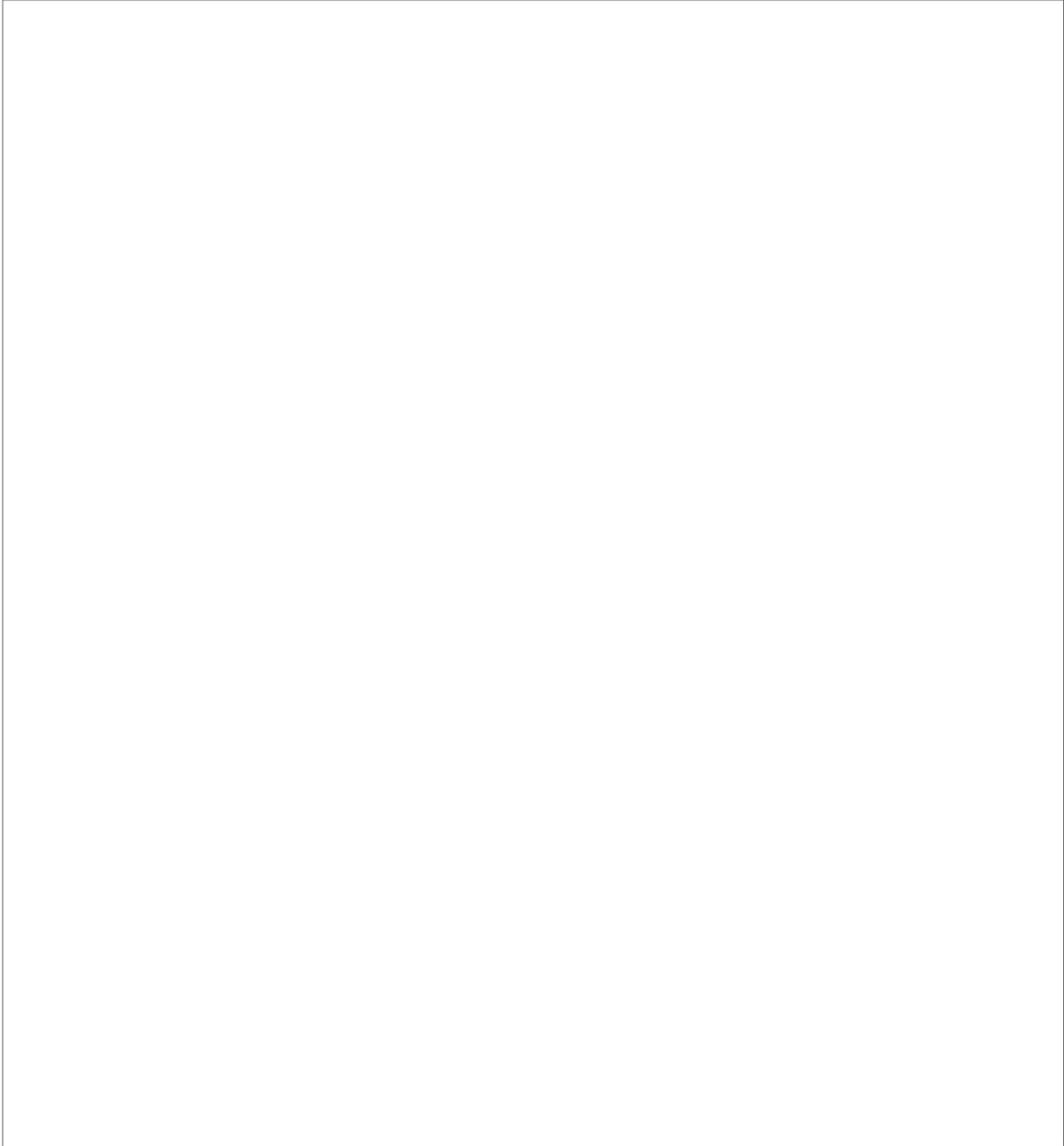
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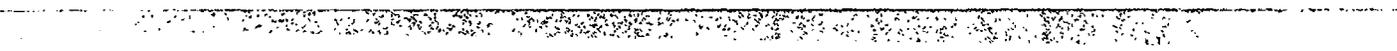


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The Terrorism Diary for June and July 1998

Below is a compendium of dates of known or conceivable significance to terrorists around the world. Our inclusion of a date or event does not suggest that we expect or anticipate a commemorative terrorist event

- 1 June 1976** *Palestinians.* Palestinian renegade Abu Nidal renamed his terrorist group (then based in Iraq) the Black June Organization and began attacking Syrian targets after Damascus entered the civil conflict in Lebanon on the side of the Christian Phalange.
- 3 June 1989** *Iran.* Death of Ayatollah Khomeini.
- 4 June 1982** *Israel, Lebanon.* First Israeli bombing of Beirut.
- 5 June 1963** *Iran.* National Day of Mourning; Revolution Day; Day of Uprising (commemorates the arrest of Ayatollah Khomeini by police under the Shah).
- 5 June 1967** *Middle East.* Beginning of the Six-Day War.
- 6 June 1982** *Israel, Lebanon.* Israeli forces invade Lebanon.
- 6 June 1984** *India.* Army storms the Sikh Golden Temple in Amritsar.
- 8 June 1967** *Palestinians.* Founding of Palestinian terrorist group Sai'qa (Thunderbolt).
- 14 June 1985** *Greece.* Hizballah hijacks TWA Flight 847, murders US Navy diver.
- 16 June 1995** *France:* Paris court hands out sentences to six Iranian citizens for the 1991 assassination of former Prime Minister Shapur Bakhtiar.
- 17 June 1995** *Lebanon:* The last of the Western hostages in Lebanon are freed.
- 18 June 1953** *Egypt.* Evacuation Day (anniversary of the proclamation of the republic).
- 25 June 1964** *Mozambique.* Founding of the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique.
- 25 June 1996** *Saudi Arabia.* Truck bombing of Khubar Towers facility in Dhahran, in which 19 US servicemen were killed and hundreds of others were wounded.
- 26 June 1995** *Ethiopia.* Attempted assassination of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.
- Italy.* Arrest of 13 members of the Egyptian al-Gama'at al-Islamiyya in Milan.
- 1 July 1867** *Canada.* Dominion Day.

3 July 1988 *Iran.* USS Vincennes shoots down Iran Air Flight 655 in Persian Gulf.

3 July 1976 *Uganda:* Israeli forces conduct a successful hostage rescue operation in Entebbe.

4 July 1776 *United States.* Independence Day.

4 July 1946 *Philippines.* Republic Day (date on which the Philippines became an independent republic).

5 July 1962 *Algeria.* Independence Day.

9 July 1929 *Morocco.* Birth of King Hassan II.

10 July 1978 *Mauritania.* Armed Forces Day (commemorates military coup).

12 July 1690 *Northern Ireland.* Orangemen's Day (Protestants march to commemorate victory in Battle of the Boyne).

14 July 1789 *France.* Bastille Day.

14 July 1958 *Iraq.* Republic Day (Army coup d'etat that overthrew monarchy and established republic).

15 July 1946 *Brunei.* Sultan's birth.

17 July 1968 *Iraq.* Revolution Day (Ba'th Party coup).

18 July 1988 *Greece:* Abu Nidal Organization carried out attack on the cruise ship "City of Poros," killing nine people and injuring 98.

18 July 1994 *Argentina:* Hizballah bombs AMIA cultural center in Buenos Aires.

20 July 1974 *Cyprus.* Turkish Cypriot Peace and Freedom Day (commemorates intervention by Turkish forces).

23 July 1952 *Egypt.* National Day (commemorates military coup ousting King Farouk).

23 July 1970 *Oman.* Accession Day of Sultan Qaboos.

25 July 1957 *Tunisia.* Proclamation of republic.

25 July 1996 *France:* Bomb kills seven people, wounds 117 on Paris commuter train. Algerian Armed Islamic Group responsible.

26 July 1956 *Egypt.* Nationalization of Suez Canal.

28 July 1821 *Peru.* Independence Day.

28 July 1989

Lebanon. Abduction by Israel of Hizballah cleric Shaykh Ubayd.

31 July

Spain, France. St. Ignatius's Day (patron saint of Basques).

31 July 1969

Spain, France. Founding of Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA).



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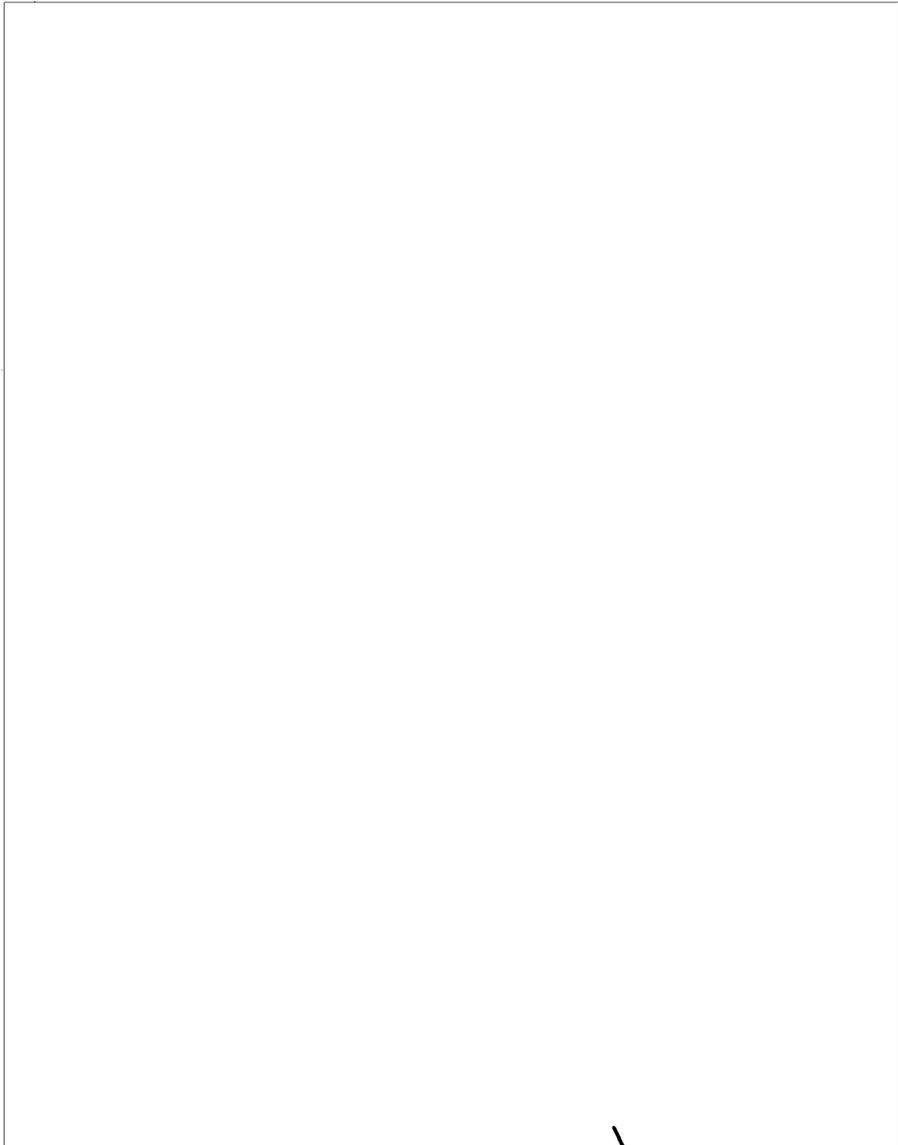
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Chronology of International Terrorism

The following incidents have met the criteria of the Intelligence Community's Incident Review Panel since publication of the previous issue of the Terrorism Review. These incidents are the basis for the State Department's Patterns of Global Terrorism, which is published annually as the US Government's official record of international terrorism.



Africa

4 April

Uganda: *Explosions at two restaurants in Kampala killed five persons, including one Swedish and one Rwandan national, and wounded six others.* Both restaurants, the Nile Grill and the outdoor cafe at the Speke Hotel, are within walking distance of the US Embassy and the Sheraton Hotel. US and foreign nationals frequent the cafe at the Speke Hotel. The *Allied Democratic Forces* may be responsible. [redacted]

15 April

Somalia: *Gunmen abducted nine foreign nationals after their plane landed at an airstrip north of Mogadishu.* The hostages included one citizen each from the United States, Germany, Belgium, France, Norway, South Africa, and Kenya; two Swiss Red Cross workers; and one Somali Red Crescent Society employee. The kidnappers are members of a subclan loyal to Ali Mahdi Mohamed, who controls the northern section of Mogadishu. They allegedly demanded \$100,000 ransom for each hostage. On 24 April all the hostages were released unharmed and no ransom was paid. [redacted]

Eurasia

[redacted]

5 April

Latvia: *A mine exploded in a park across from the Russian Embassy in Riga, damaging four diplomatic vehicles.* Authorities suspect a member of the ultranationalist group, the *Russian National Bolshevik Party*, to be responsible. On 14 April a Latvian national was arrested in Estonia in connection with the attack. [redacted]

Europe

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8 April

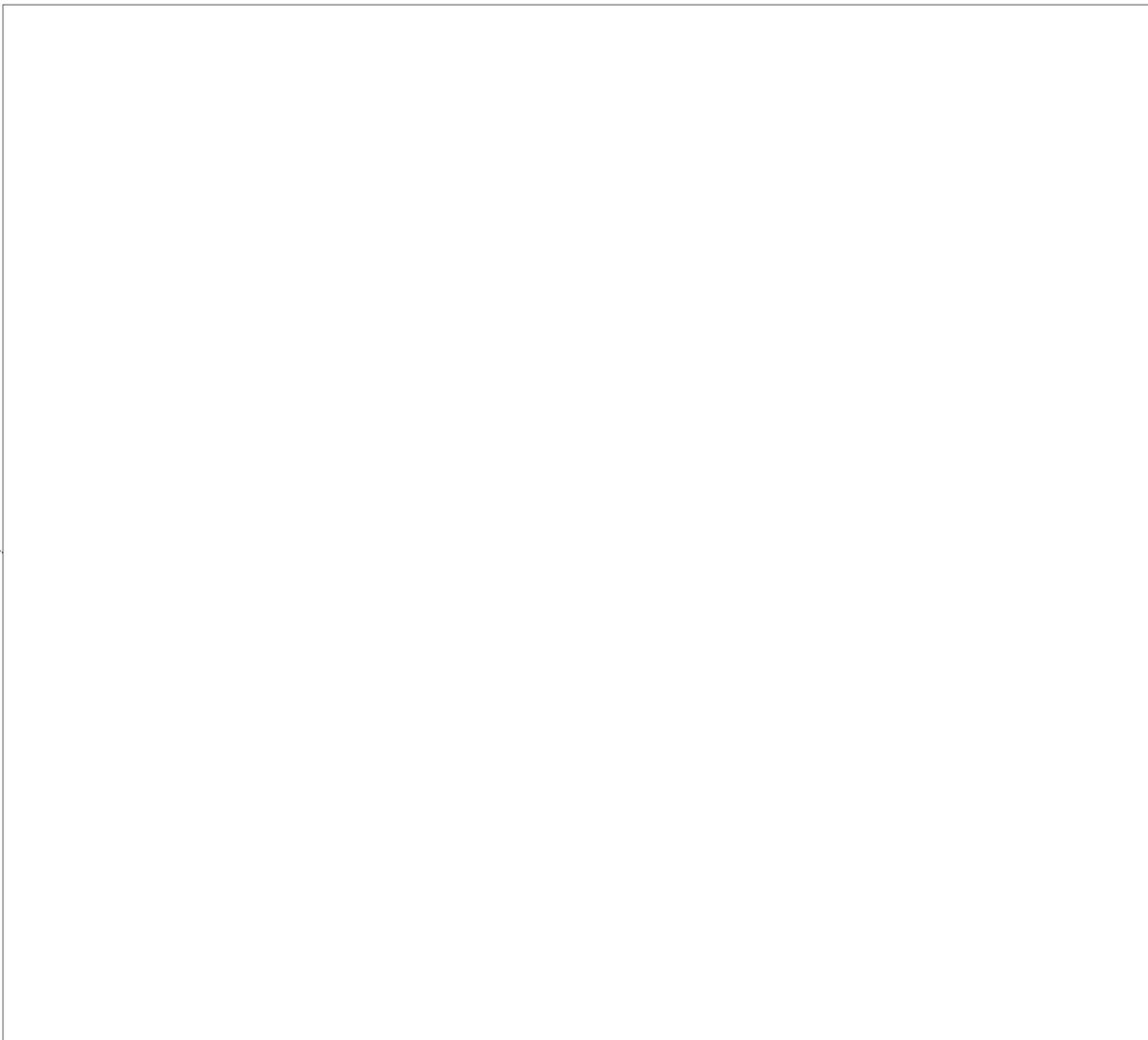
Greece: *A rocket fired via remote control penetrated a window at a Citibank office in the Kypseli district of Athens and detonated against a wall, causing minor damage.* The *Revolutionary Organization 17 November* claimed responsibility in an eight-page letter sent to a newspaper office in Athens. [redacted]

10 April

Turkey: *Two Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) members on a motorcycle threw a bomb into a park near the Blue Mosque in Istanbul.* The explosion injured two Indian tourists, a New Zealander, and four Turkish civilians and Turkish soldiers. [redacted]

Summary of Indigenous Terrorism—April 1998

The incidents and situations listed below are not a detailed accounting of all domestic terrorist incidents, but rather provide an overview of selected indigenous terrorism worldwide.



Africa

Nigeria

On 22 April a bomb exploded in the crowded Evans Square market area of Lagos, killing at least three persons and injuring several others. A police bomb disposal unit also found an unexploded device at the scene. [redacted]

Asia

India

On 18 April in Udhampur district, Jammu and Kashmir State, armed militants entered two houses and killed all 13 inhabitants, including two women and three children. A Pakistan-based group, *Lashkar-I-Toiba*, claimed responsibility. [redacted]

Japan

On 21 April in Kisarazu, Chiba Prefecture, a timed device exploded in the garage of the planning chief in charge of land disputes for the Narita Airport. The official and his family escaped injury, but the explosion shattered a car windshield and destroyed the garage roof. *Chukaku-Ha* claimed responsibility. [redacted]

Sri Lanka

A grenade exploded in a crowded market area in Jaffna on 12 April, killing at least one bystander and injuring 19 others. The *Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)* are suspected. [redacted]

On 14 April suspected *LTTE* guerrillas attacked a police post in Trincomalee, killing three officers and one civilian, and seriously wounding one inspector. [redacted]

Eurasia

Latvia

On 2 April a bomb exploded in the courtyard of the main Jewish synagogue in Riga's historic old town, causing extensive damage to the building's main entrance. A swastika-adorned Latvian flag was found at the scene. Authorities suspect a member of Eduard Limonov's *Russian Bolshevik Party*. [redacted]

Europe

Greece

A makeshift gas-canister bomb detonated at the Athens office of the Greek Deputy Labor Minister on 1 April, causing minor damage. Police officials suspect members or sympathizers of several local militant leftist organizations. [redacted]

Spain

Unidentified assailants threw two handgrenades at a Basque regional government building in San Sebastian on 1 April, causing minor damage. Authorities suspect militant members of the *Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA)* organization. [redacted]

[redacted]

A small bomb exploded at an insurance company office in Madrid on 2 April, causing minor damage. Police disarmed a second device found in a separate office. The *Anti-Fascist Revolutionary Group-1 October* claimed responsibility. [redacted]

United Kingdom

Two gunmen shot and killed a high-profile loyalist as he approached his home in Londonderry on 8 April. The *Irish National Liberation Army* claimed responsibility for the killing, stating that the victim was targeted for his involvement with the rival *Loyalist Volunteer Force (LVF)* paramilitary organization. []

On 17 April gunmen killed a Catholic taxi driver in Belfast. Police blamed the attack on loyalist paramilitaries. []

On 21 April a gunman killed a Catholic man in an open area of Portadown. Authorities suspect the assailant might be a member of the *LVF* organization. []

Gunmen killed a Catholic university student as he walked home in Crumlin on 25 April. The *LVF* is suspected. []

On 25 April a bomb detonated at the back entrance of a Catholic-owned pub in Armagh, causing minor damage. The *LVF* is suspected. []

Latin America

Colombia

On 3 April *National Liberation Army* rebels kidnapped eight crew members of three different news stations in San Pablo. The rebels released the news reporters' driver on 4 April and two days later released the other hostages. []

Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) rebels kidnapped 16 government officials, including the mayor of Solita, in southern Colombia on 6 April. The rebels released all the hostages on 11 April with a message in which the *FARC* rebel group insisted that the military withdraw from five municipalities in order to begin a peace process with the government. []

FARC rebels attacked the town of Cravo Norte on 13 April, killing a former judge and a civilian and wounding four policemen. The militants destroyed the town's police post and hospital and stole two ambulances. []

Peru

On 22 April near Tingo Maria, *Sendero Luminoso* rebels occupied a town and burned a vehicle. []

Middle East

Algeria

A bomb exploded at a market in Arzew on 2 April, injuring seven persons. The *Armed Islamic Group (GIA)* is suspected. []

On 5 April an armed group killed 28 civilians and injured another in Arzew. The *GIA* is suspected. []

Probable *GIA* militants killed 12 civilians on 7 April in Ouled Said. []

A bomb exploded in a high school in Mehelma on 25 April, wounding nine persons. The *GIA* is probably responsible. []

Egypt

Gunmen killed two Coptic farmers in Al-Minya on 6 April. *Al-Gama'at al-Islamiyya* is suspected. []

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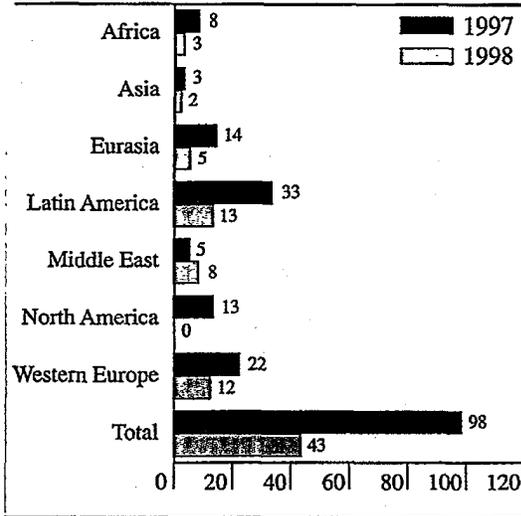
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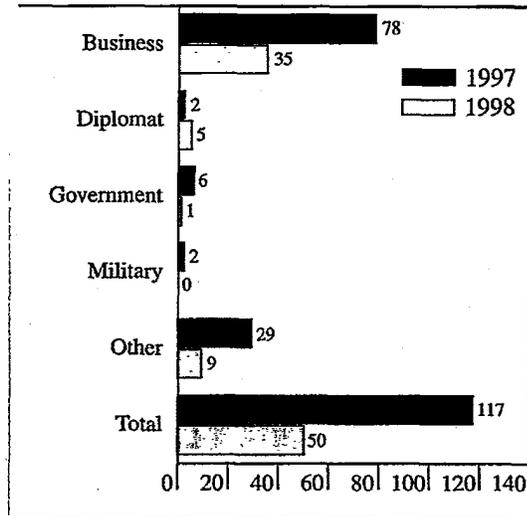
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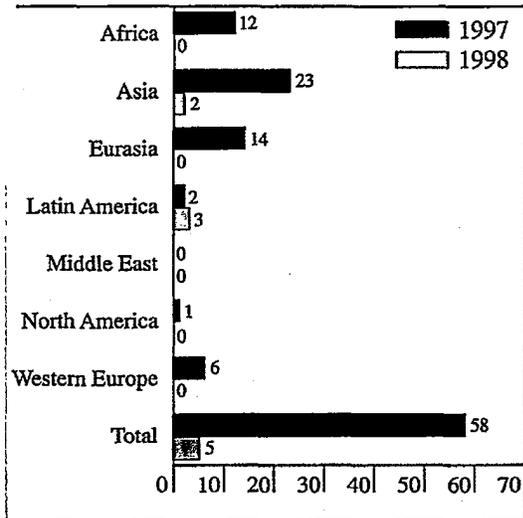
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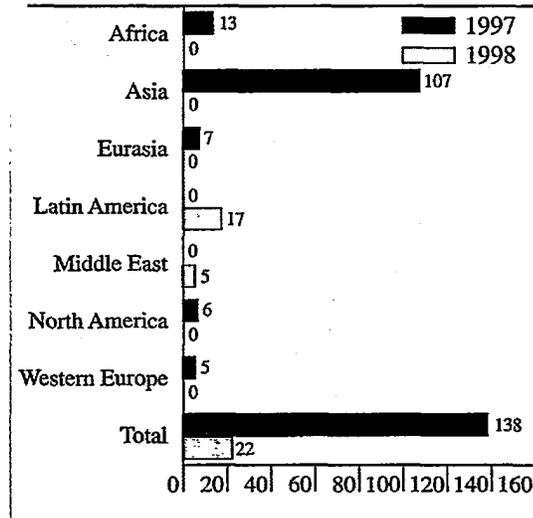
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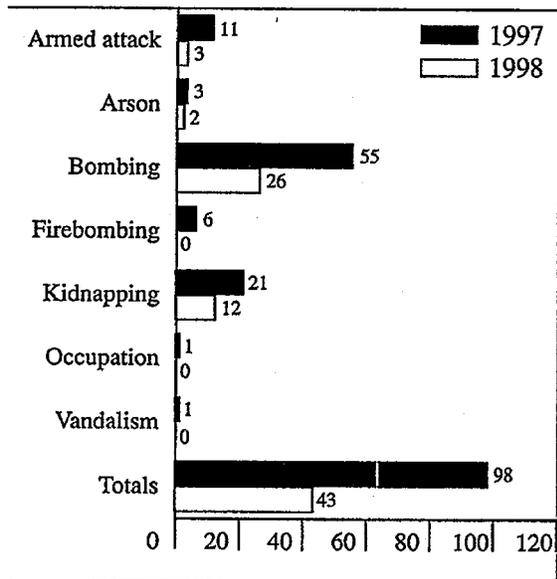


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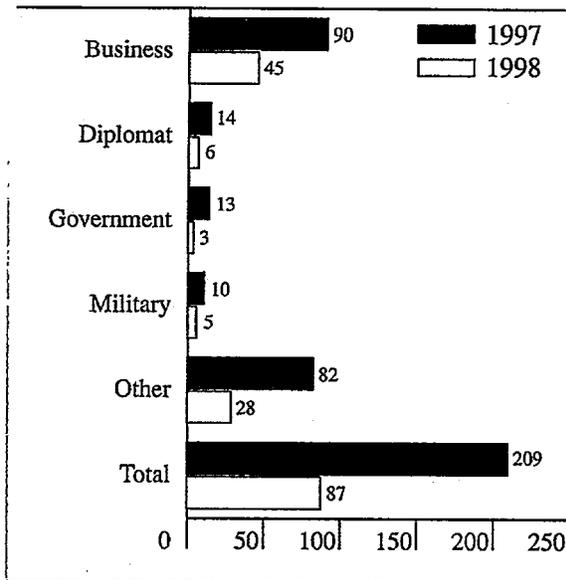


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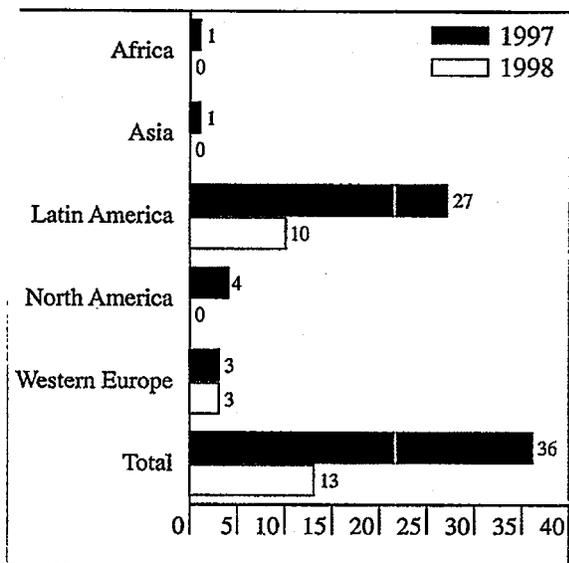
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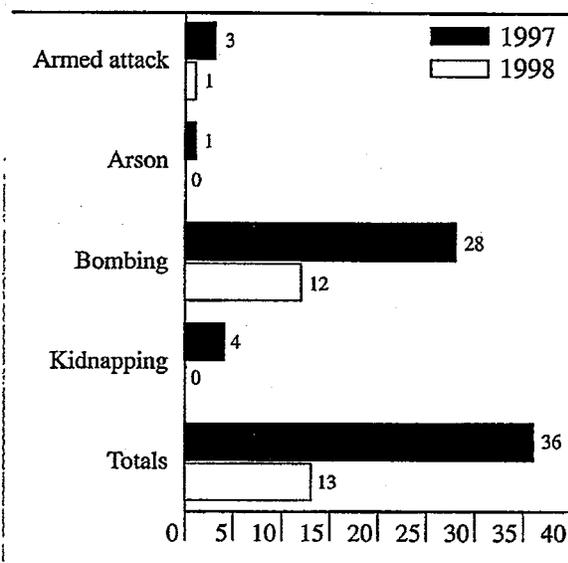
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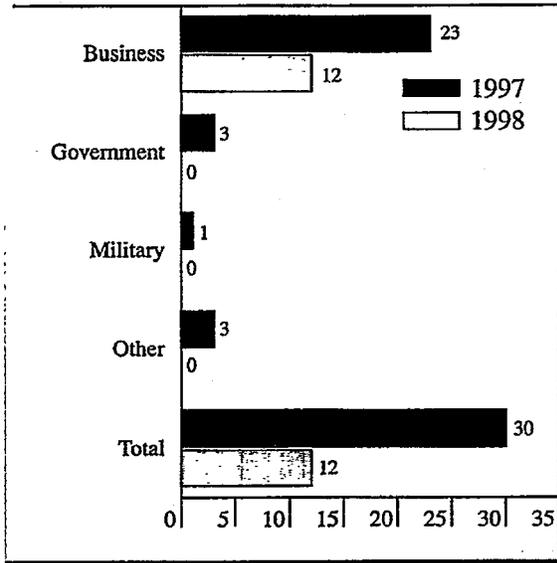
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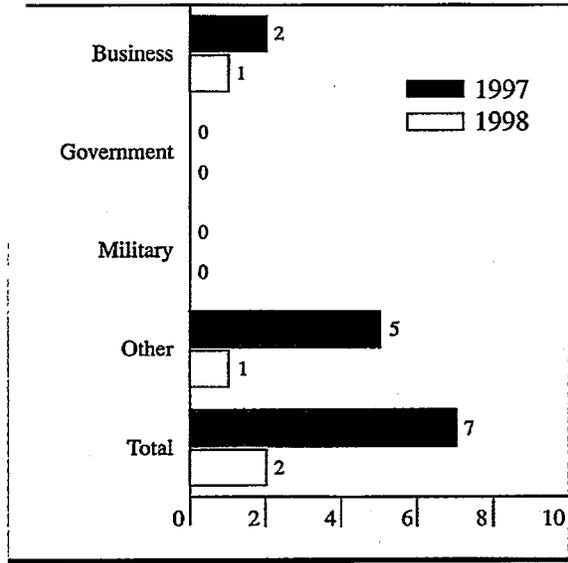
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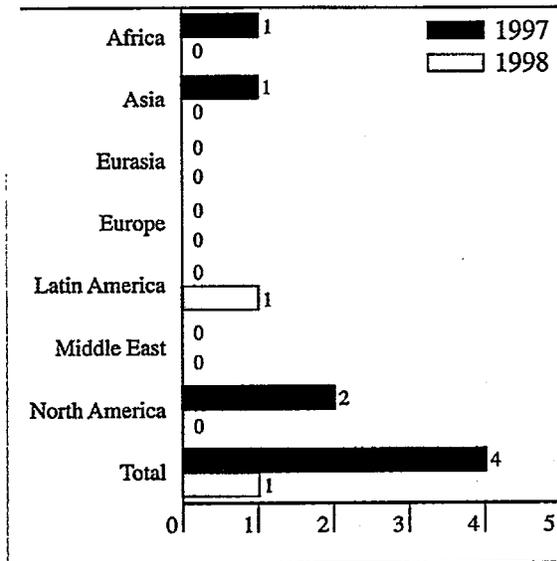
Anti-US Attacks, by Targeted Facility



Anti-US Attacks, by Targeted Victim



Anti-US Attacks, Wounded, by Region^b



^bThere were no deaths of US citizens in the first quarters of 1997 and 1998.

