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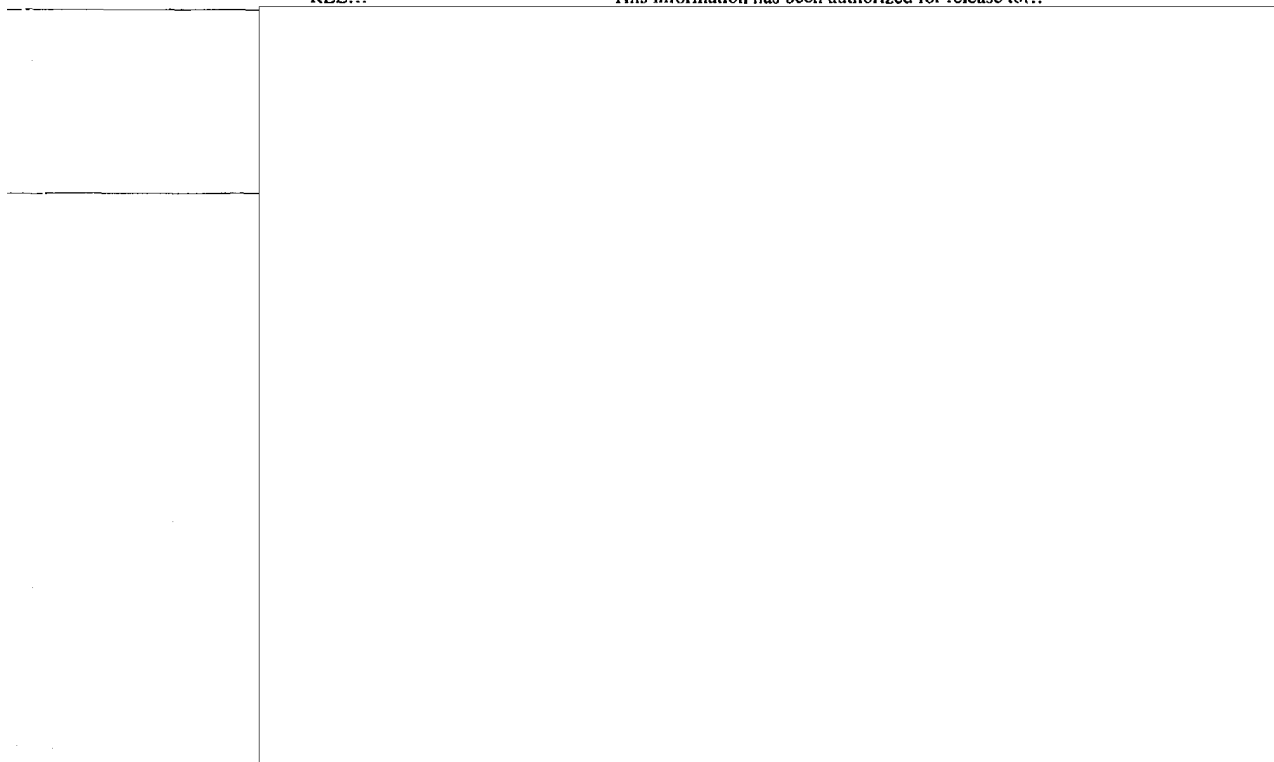
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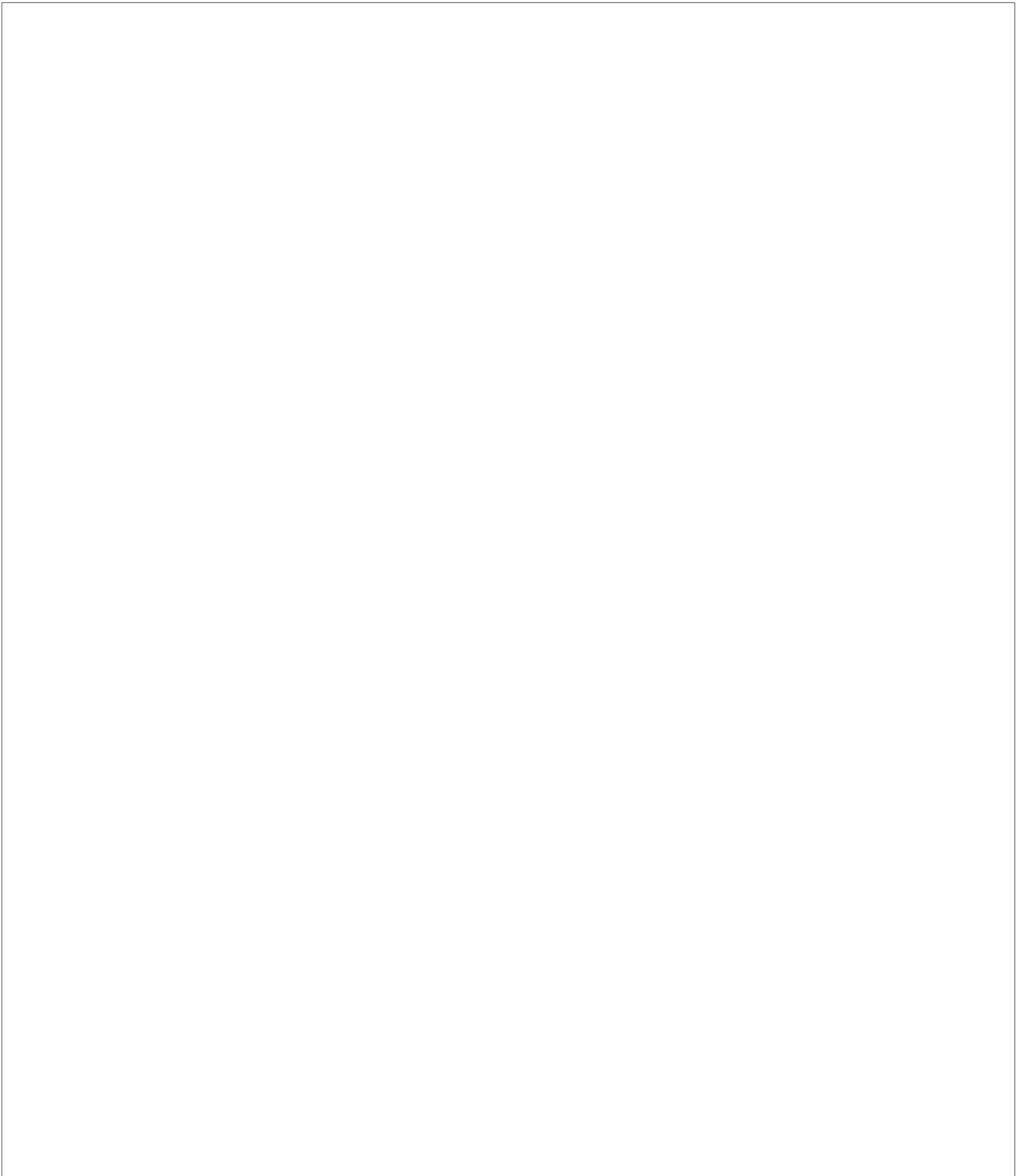
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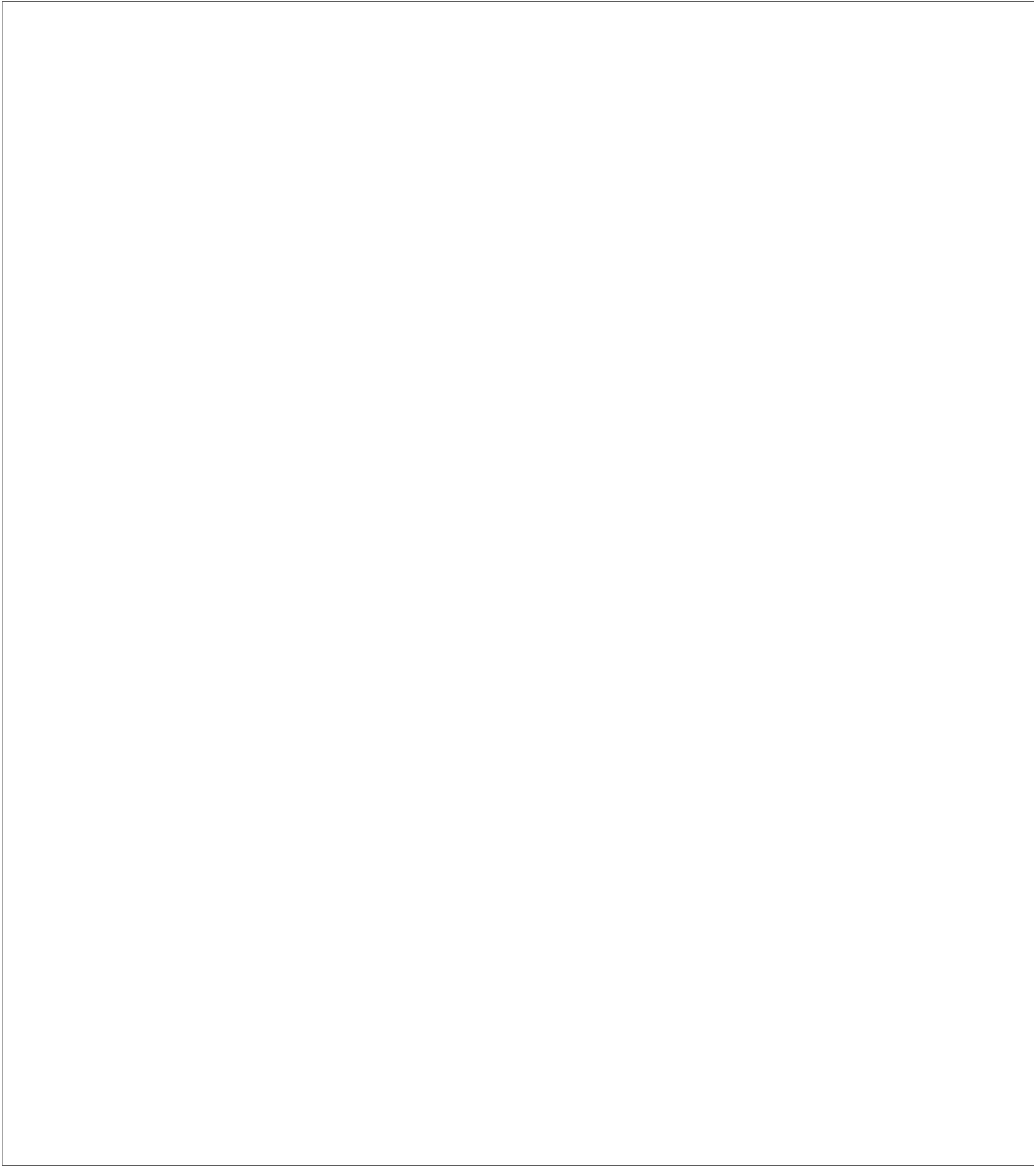
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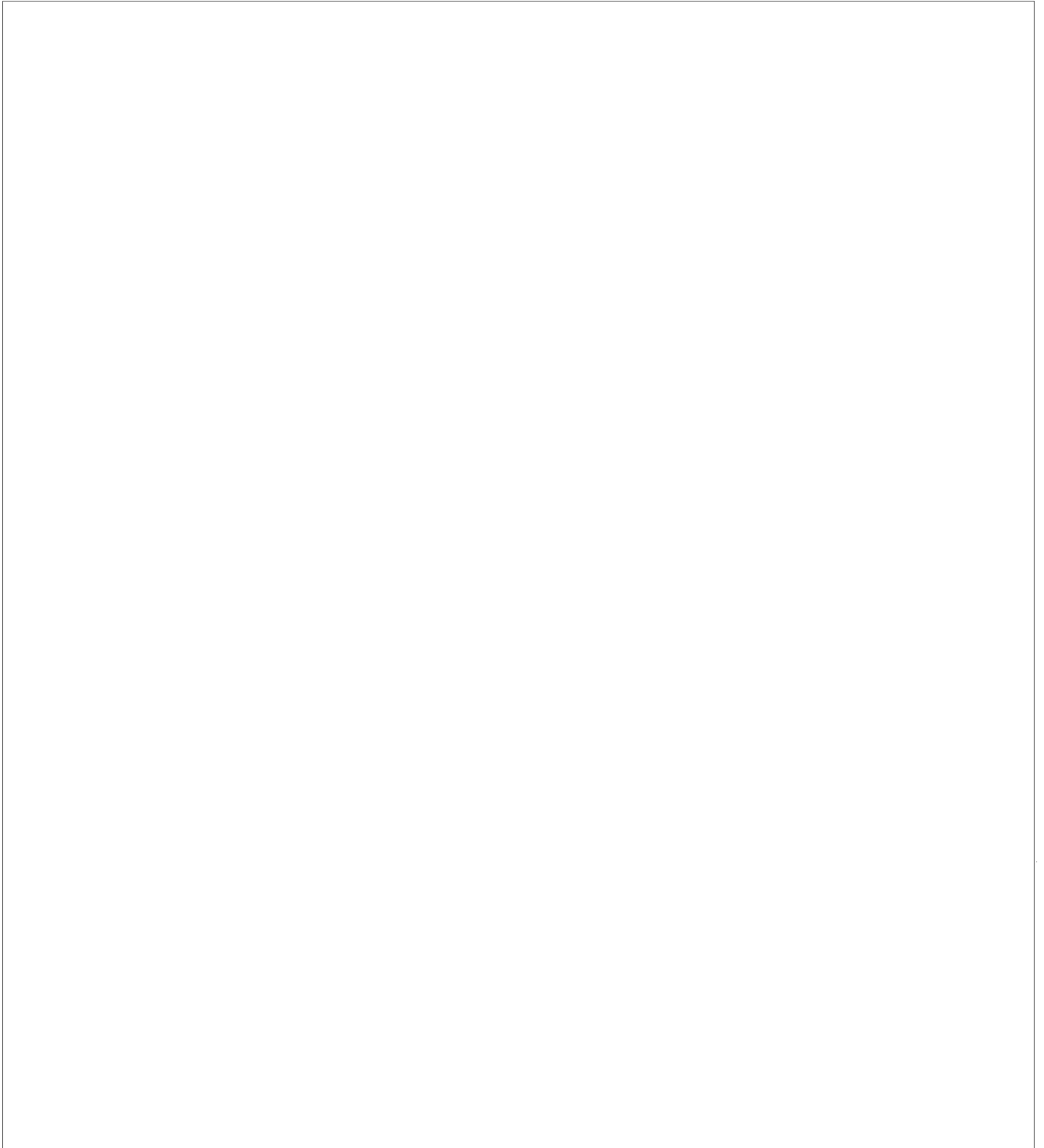


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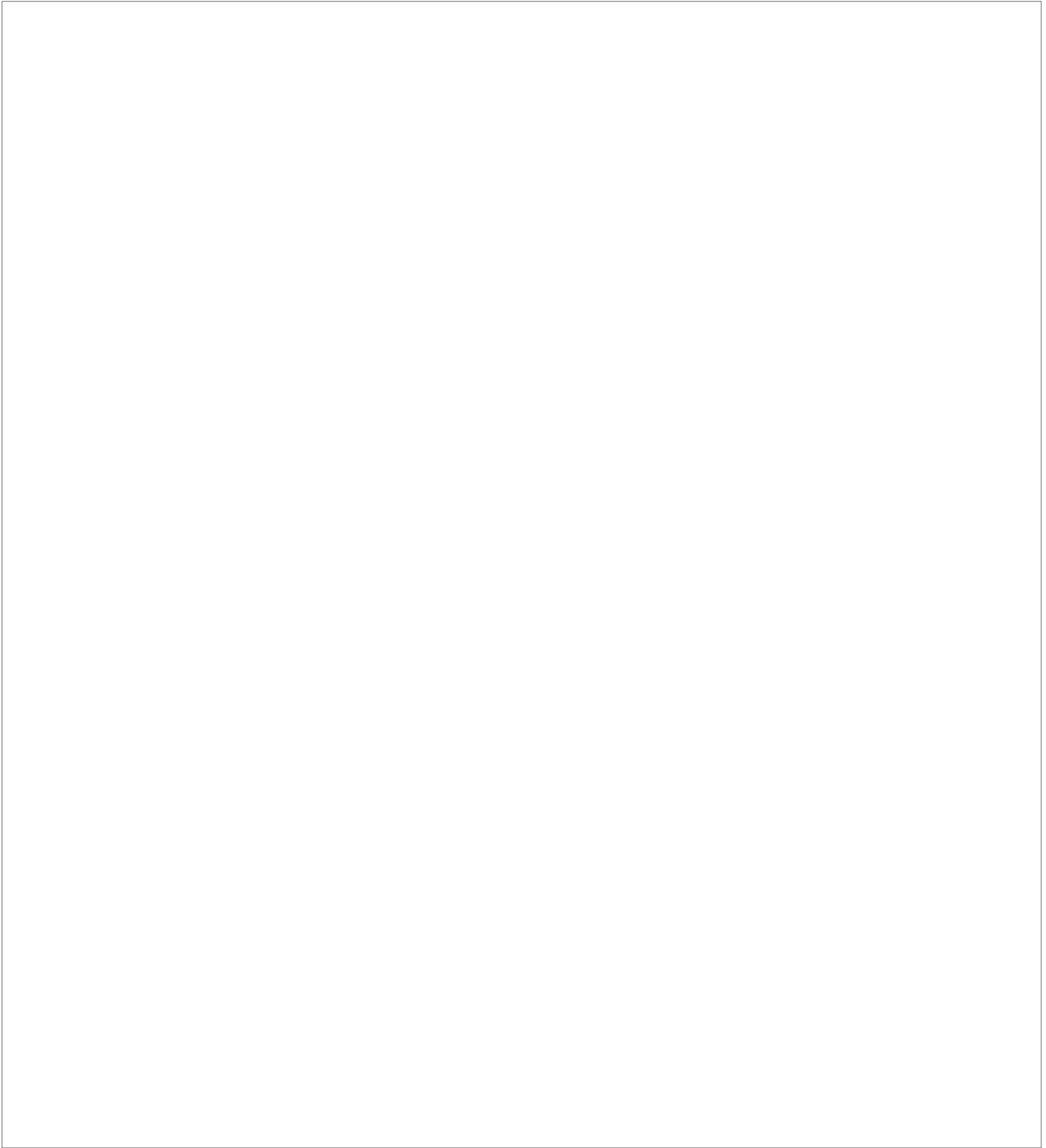
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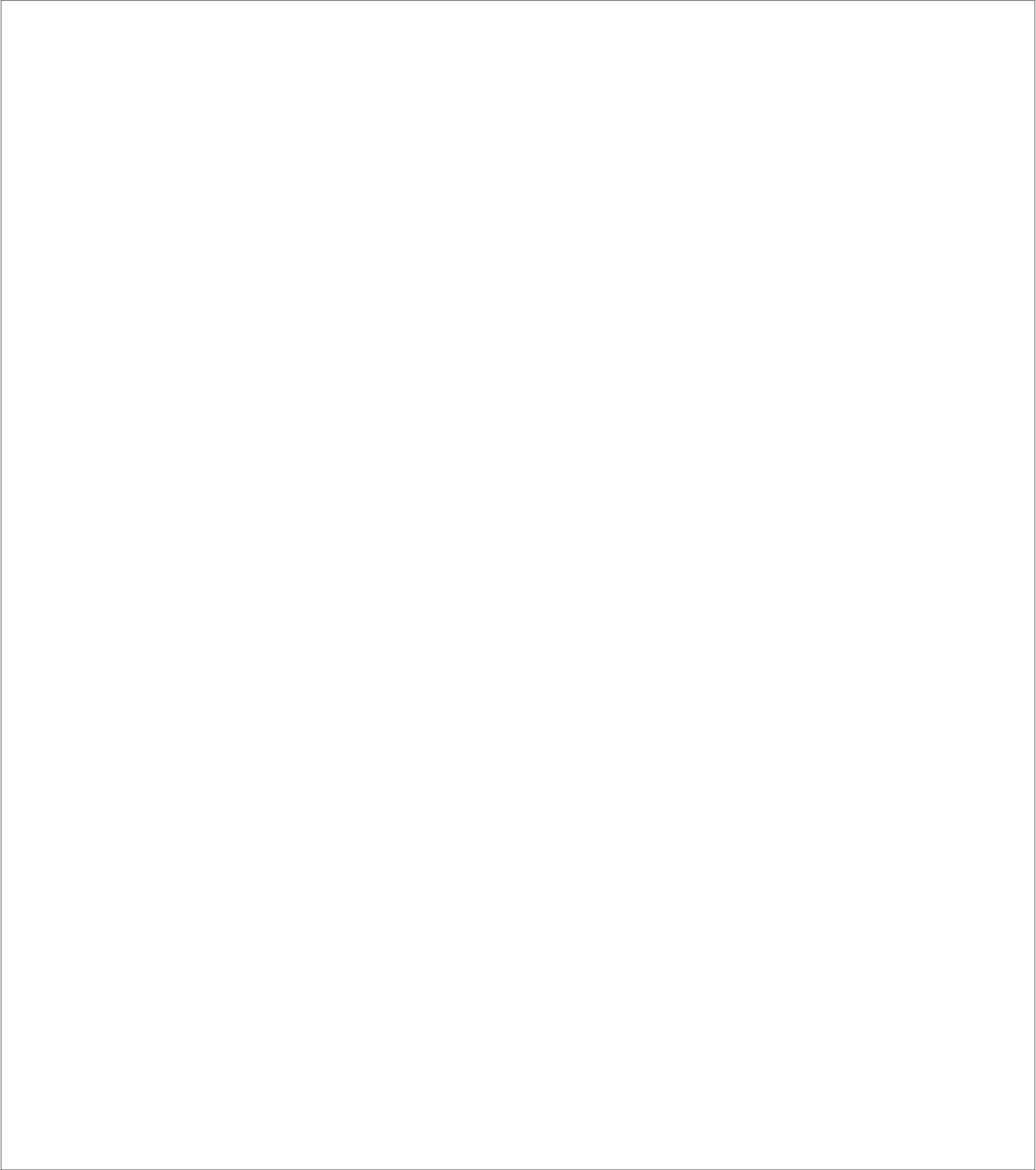
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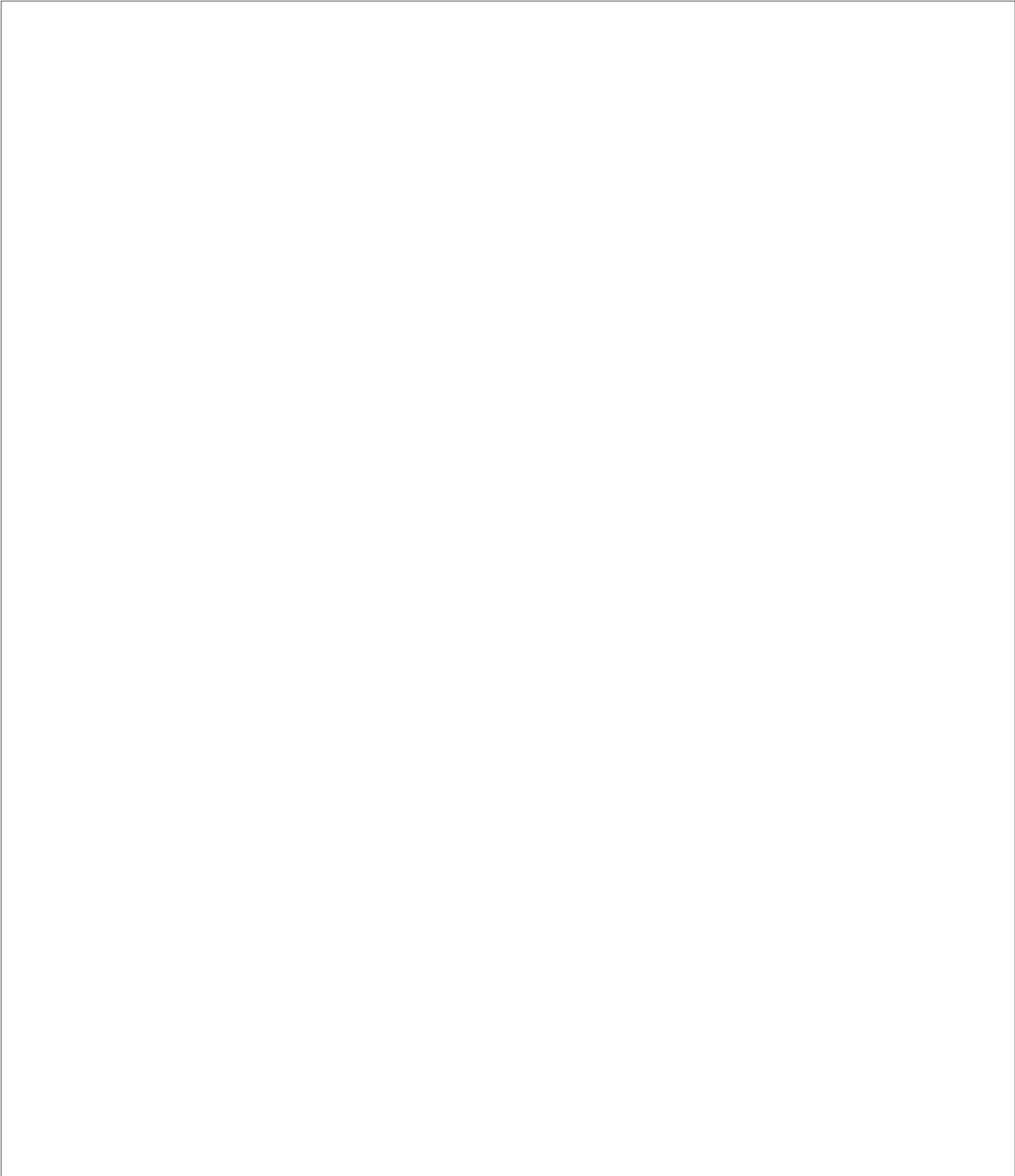


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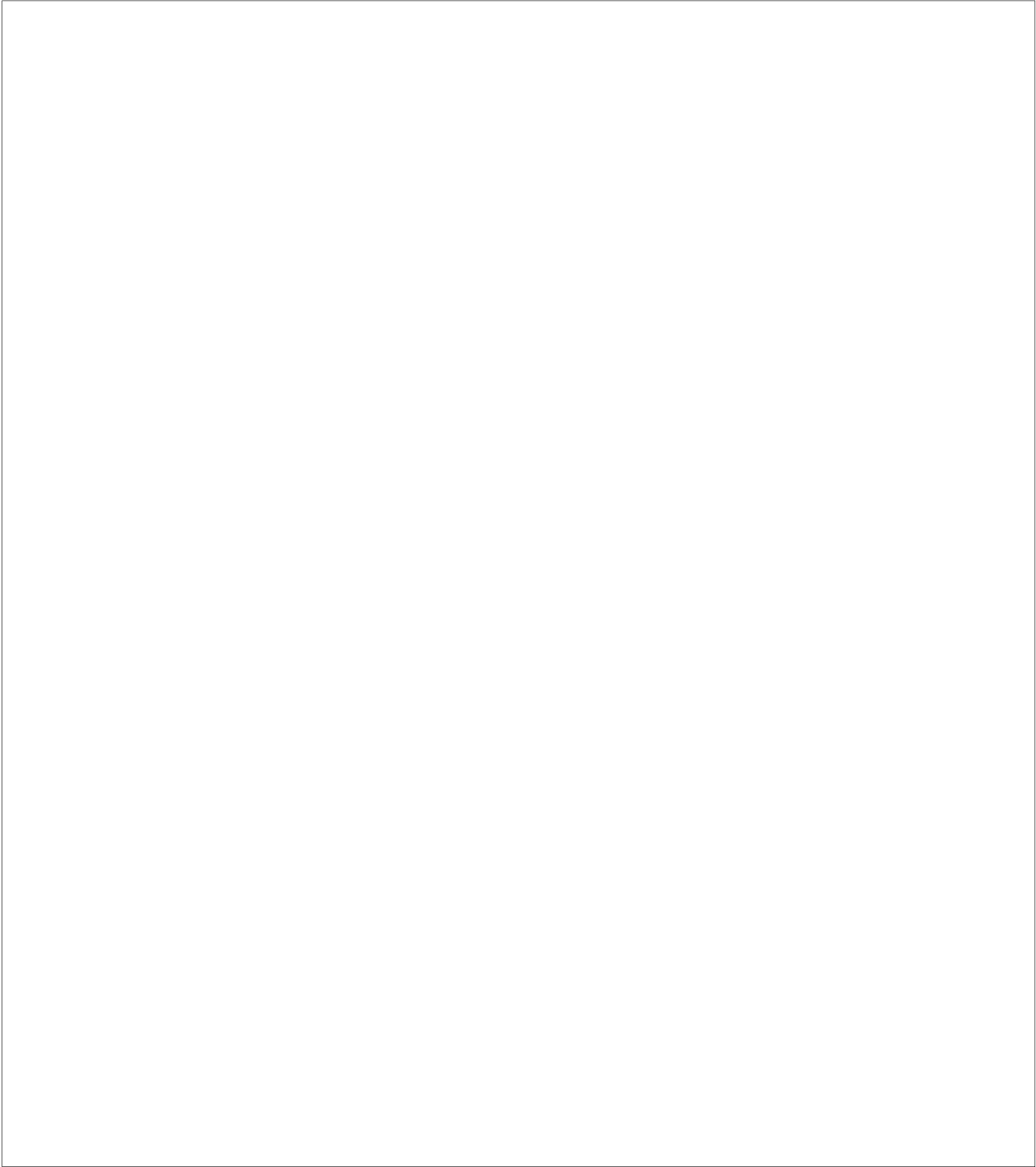
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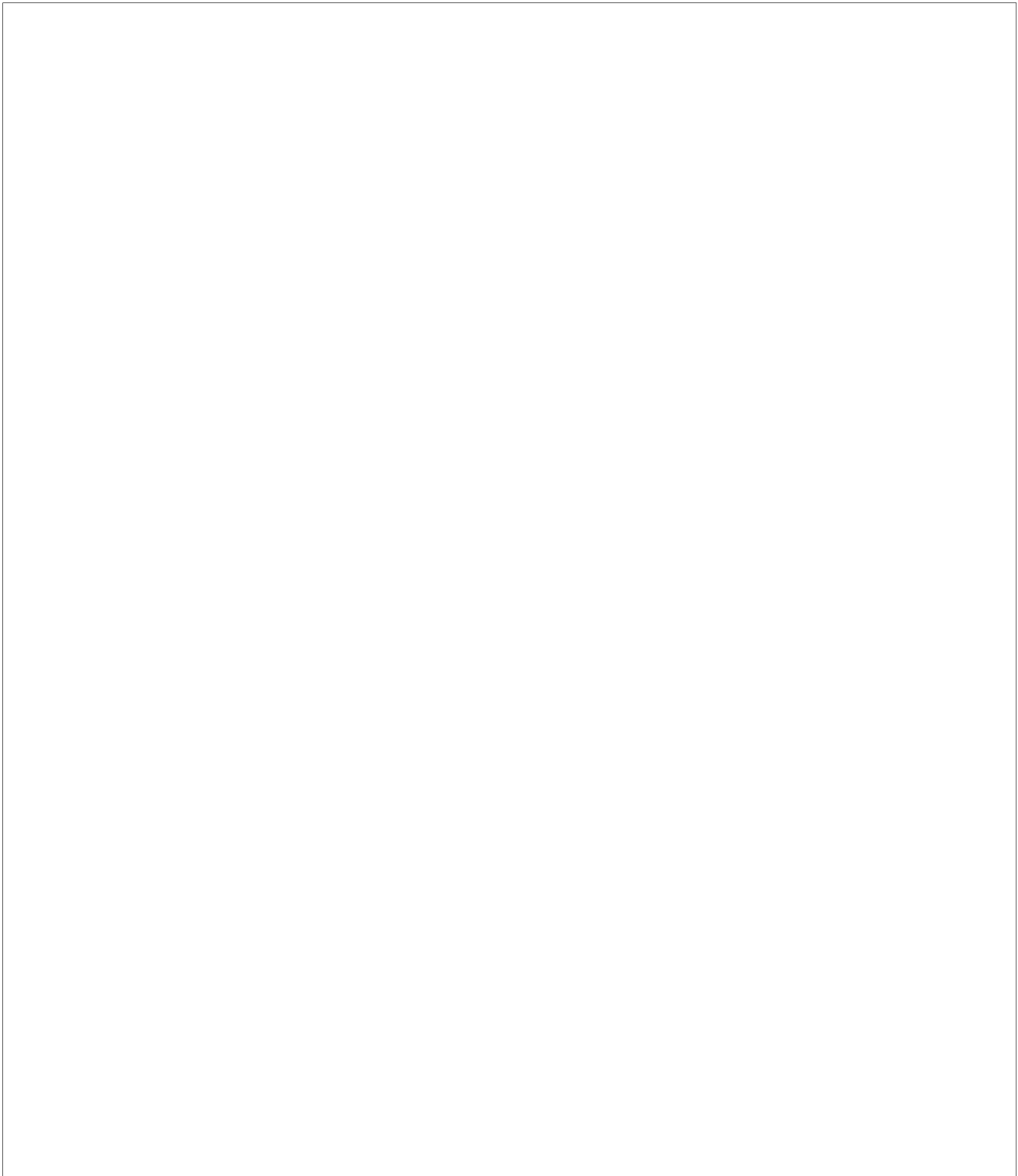


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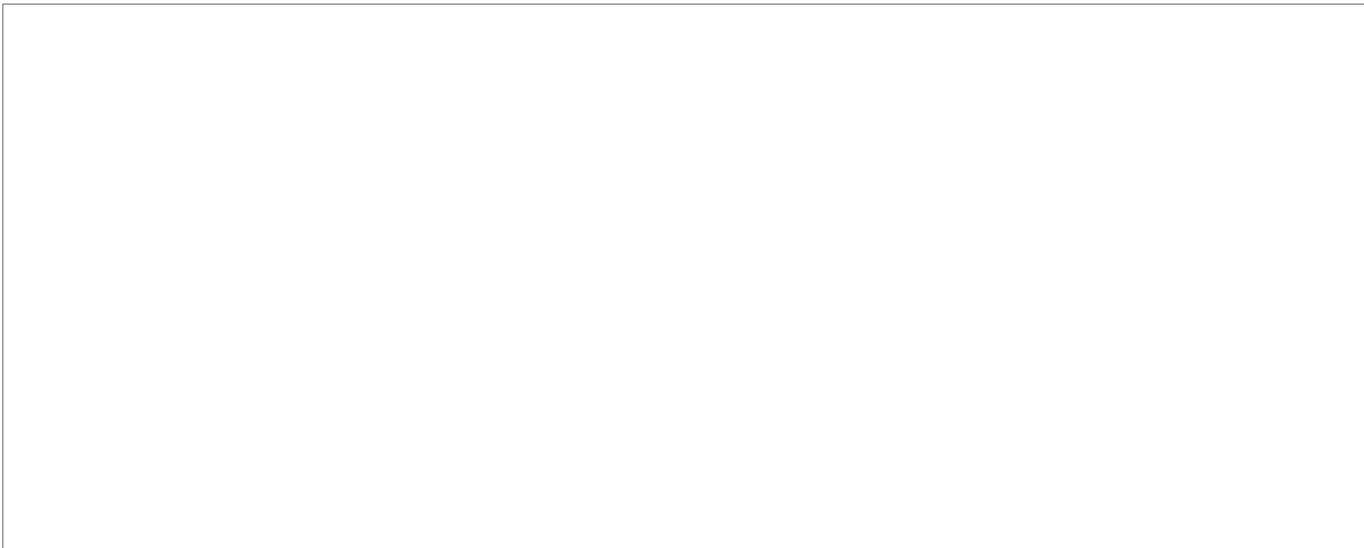
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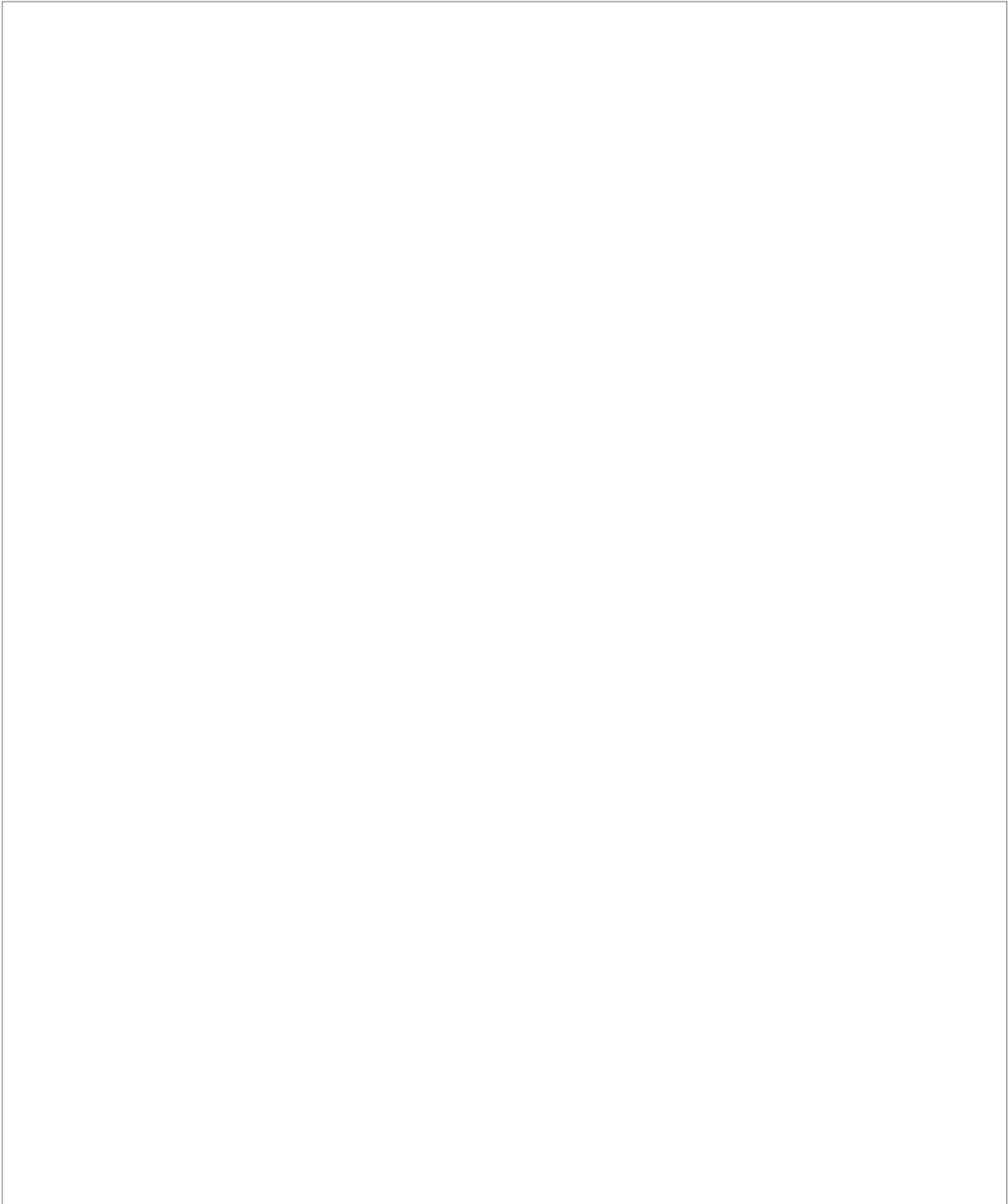
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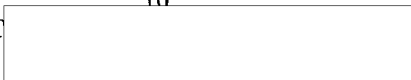
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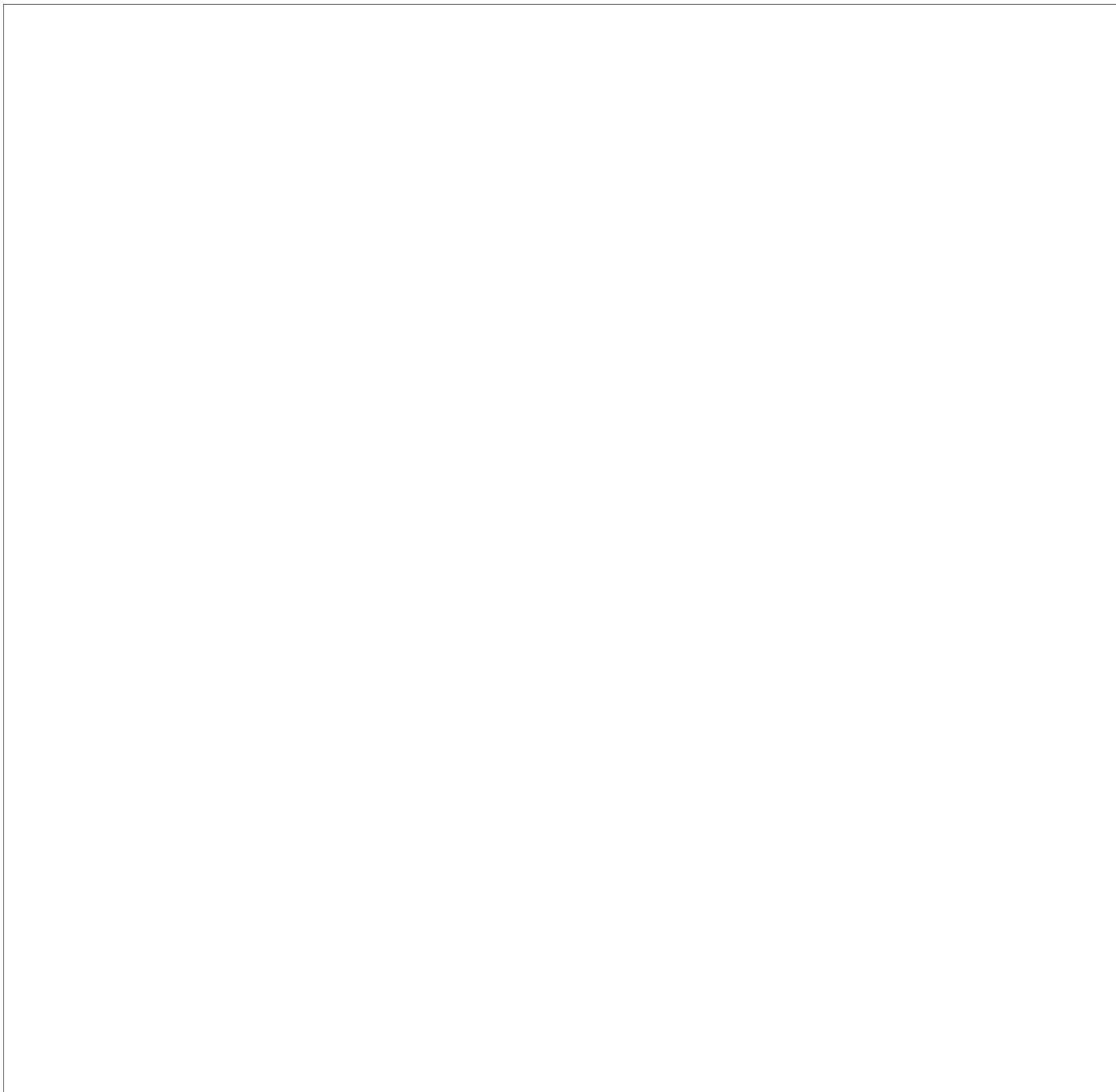
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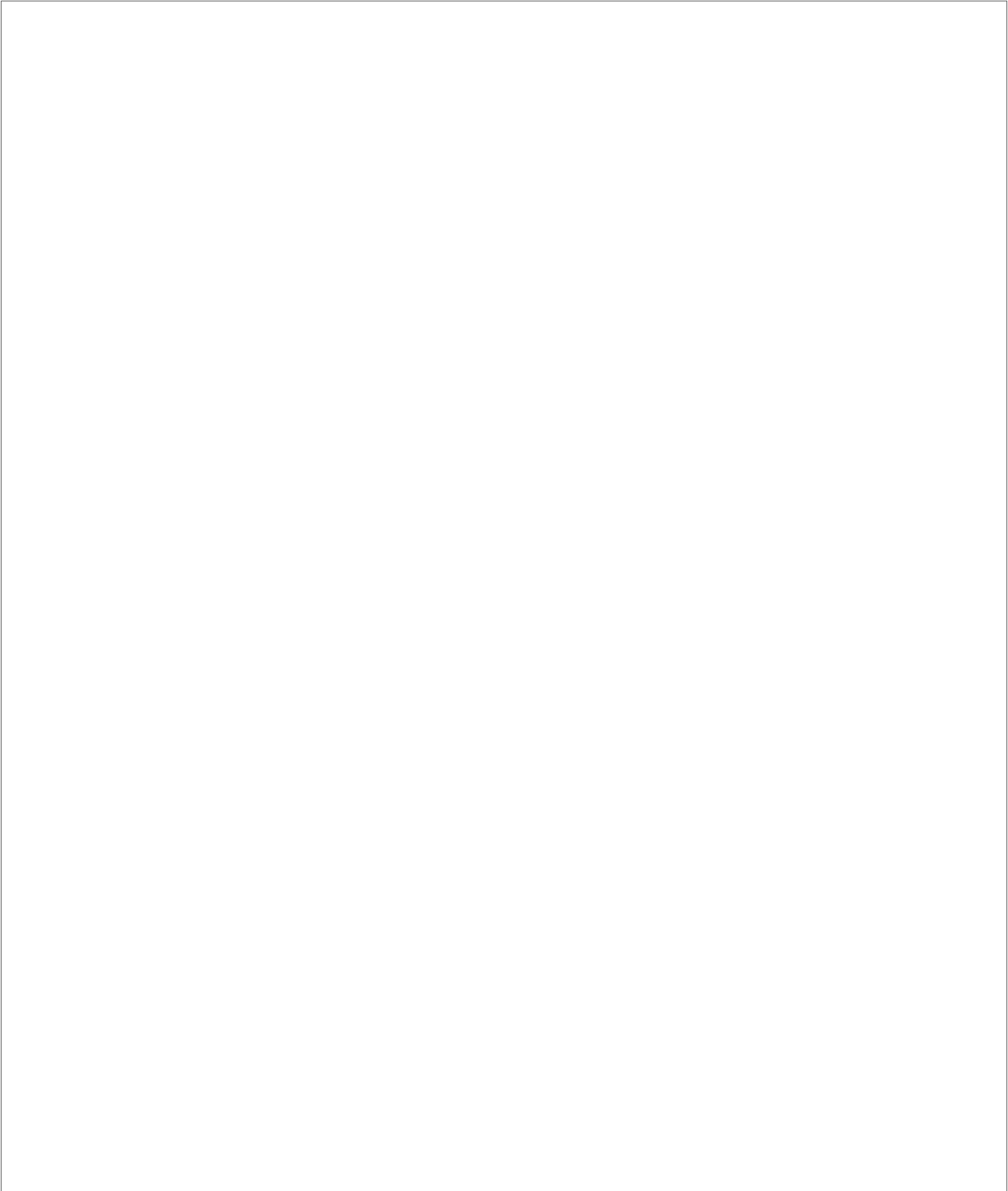


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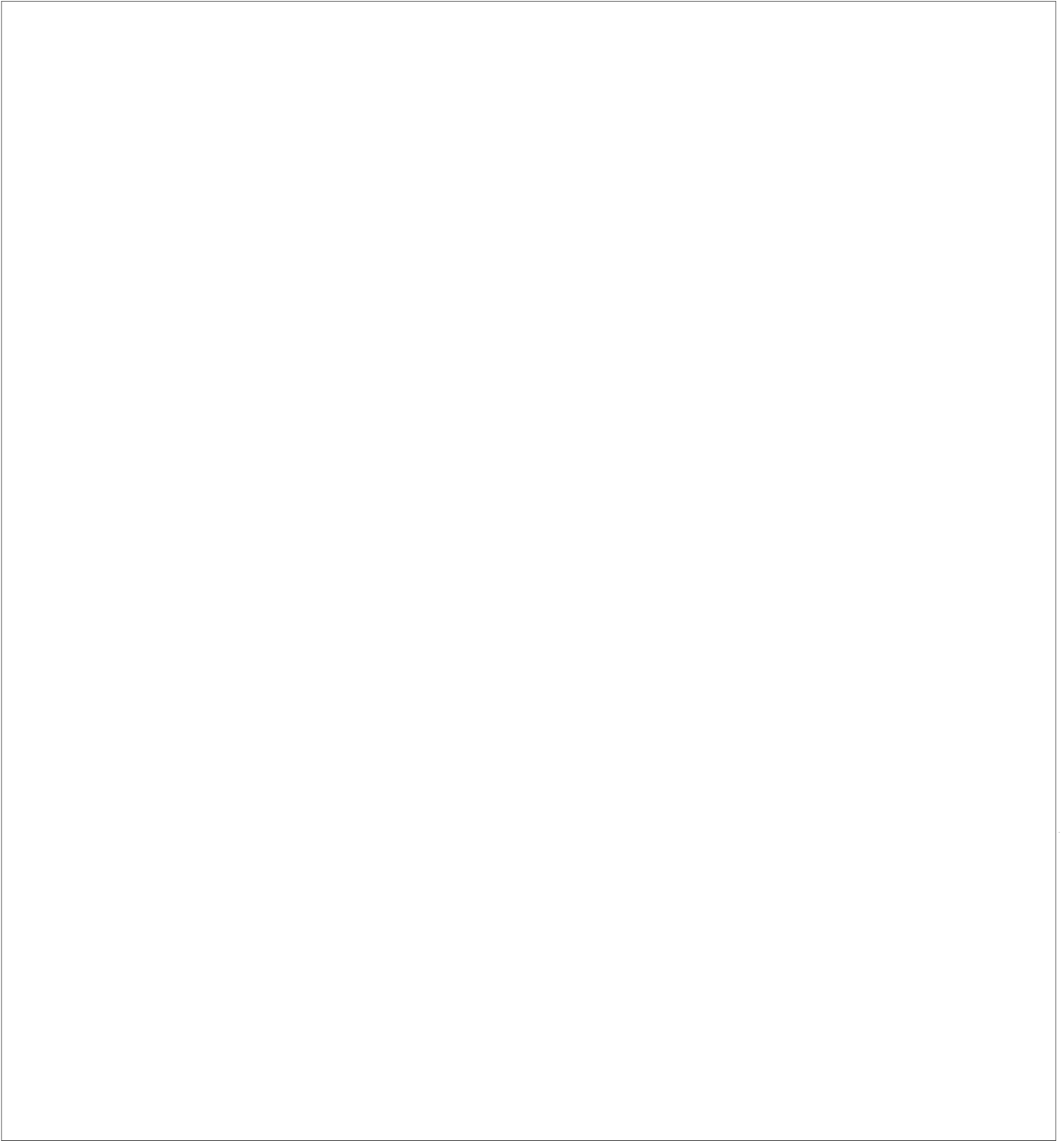


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**The Terrorism Diary for June-July 2001** [redacted]

*Below is a compendium of June and July dates of known or conceivable significance to terrorists around the world. Inclusion of a date or event does not suggest that we anticipate a commemorative terrorist event.* [redacted]

- 1 June 1976** *Palestinians.* During this month, Syria entered the civil conflict in Lebanon on the side of the Christian Phalange and against the Palestinians and their Muslim allies. In response, Palestinian renegade Abu Nidal renamed his terrorist group—then based in Iraq—the Black June Organization and began attacking Syrian targets.
- 3 June 1982** *Israel, United Kingdom.* Assassination attempt on Israeli Ambassador by Palestinian gunmen. The Black June Organization claimed responsibility.
- 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, to commemorate 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 rejectionist group Sa'iqa, a.k.a. Thunderbolt.
- 8 June 2000** *Greece.* British Defense Attache Stephen Saunders assassinated by 17 November motorcycle gunmen.
- 9 June 1984** *Peru.* Launching of guerrilla action by MRTA; the takeover of a radio station in Lima.
- 14 June 1985** *Lebanon, Greece.* Hizballah hijacks TWA flight 847 to Beirut, later murders US Navy diver Robert Stethem.
- 18 June 1953** *Egypt.* Evacuation Day, which is the 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, Egypt.* Attempted assassination of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Addis Ababa.

*Italy.* Arrest of 13 members of the Egyptian al-Gama'at al-Islamiyya in Milan.
- 28 June 1988**                    *Greece.* Revolutionary Organization 17 November car bomb kills US Navy Capt. William Nordeen.
- 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).
- 4 July 1994**                      *Greece.* Greek terrorist group 17 November assassinates Turkish DCM in Athens.
- 5 July 1962**                      *Algeria.* Independence Day.
- 9 July 1929**                      *Morocco.* Birthday 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 birthday.
- 17 July 1968**                      *Iraq.* Revolution Day (Ba'th Party coup).
- 18 July 1994**                      *Argentina.* Hizballah bombs AMIA cultural center in Buenos Aires.
- 18 July 1988**                      *Greece.* Abu Nidal organization carries out attack on the cruise ship, City of Poros, killing nine persons and injuring 98.
- 20 July 1974**                      *Cyprus.* Turkish Cypriot Peace and Freedom Day (commemorates intervention by Turkish forces).

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- 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 persons, 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' Day (patron saint of Basques).
- 31 July 1969**                      ***Spain, France.*** Founding of Basque Fatherland and Liberty (ETA).

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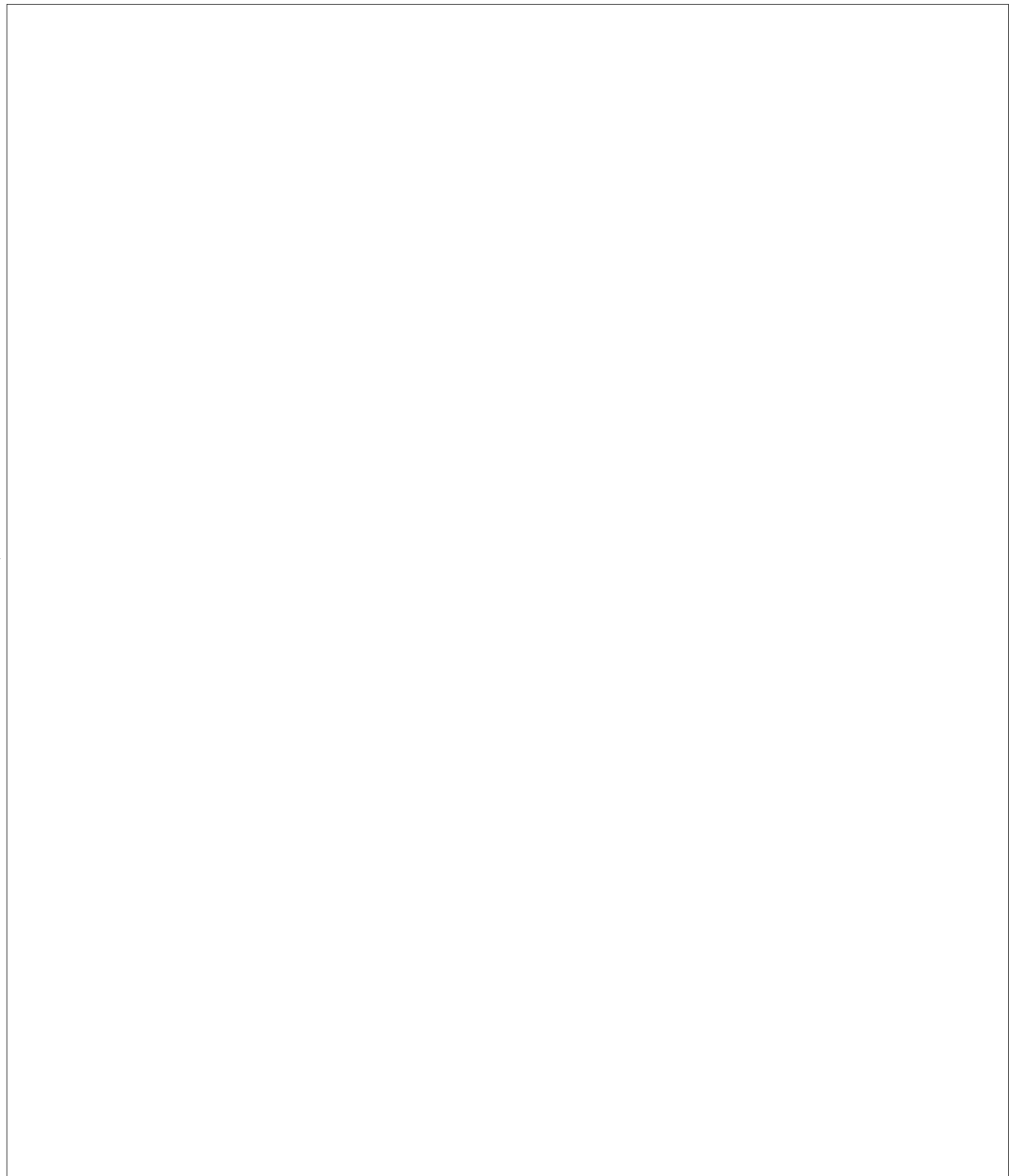
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**Chronology of International Terrorism—March-April 2001** [redacted]

*The following incidents have met the criteria for 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, published annually as the US Government's official record of international terrorism.* [redacted]



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Africa

18 March *Burundi: In Ruyigi Province, armed rebels from Tanzania launched attacks, burning 20 houses, looting shops, and stealing cows, according to press reports. The Force for the Defense of Democracy is probably responsible* [redacted]

20 March *Namibia: In Mayenzere, armed rebels attacked a home, abducting two young persons and looting property. On 20 March, the hostages escaped their captors, according to press reports. The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola is probably responsible* [redacted]

27 March *Somalia: In Mogadishu, militiamen attacked and overran the Medecins Sans Frontieres facility, killing 11 persons, wounding 40 others, and kidnapping nine international aid workers and two UNICEF officials. By 4 April, the foreign national aid workers—including the UNICEF officials—had been released, according to [redacted] press reports. Militiamen loyal to warlord Musa Sude Yalahow are responsible* [redacted]

3 April *Burundi: In Ruyigi, rebels ambushed a United Nations convoy, wounding four persons. The convoy consisted of two World Food Program vehicles, according to radio reports. The Force for the Defense of Democracy is probably responsible* [redacted]

15 April *Burundi: In Gitega Commune, armed rebels launched an attack, killing 10 persons. The rebels retreated into Tanzania, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility* [redacted]

16 April *Burundi: In Butaganzwa, armed gangs attacked the community, setting fire to the health center and the house of the primary school headmaster. The armed gangs returned to Tanzania, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility.* [redacted]

19 April *Burundi: In Ruyigi, rebels ambushed a college vehicle, killing 18 persons, according to press reports. The Force for the Defense of Democracy is probably responsible* [redacted]

Asia

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6 April *India: In Baramula, militants threw a grenade towards a moving security vehicle. The grenade missed its target and exploded in a crowded bazaar, injuring 16 persons. No one claimed responsibility* [redacted]

13 April *India: In Kashmir, armed militants killed a National Conference block president as he was returning home from morning prayers, according to press reporting. No one claimed responsibility.* [redacted]



**Europe**

**26 March** *Turkey: In Ankara, an Iranian male poured oil on the main entrance gate of the Iranian Embassy, then set fire to it, causing an undetermined amount of damage but no injuries, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility.* [redacted]

**6 April** *Greece: In Kholargos, a group of unidentified persons set two foreign bank branches on fire—the Netherlands-owned ABN AMRO and the US-owned HSBC—causing major material damage but no injuries, according to press reports. The Anarchic Attack Groups organization claimed responsibility.* [redacted]

**17 April** *Germany: In Duesseldorf, an unidentified person threw a handgrenade at the entrance to the Turkish Consulate General building causing damage to the gate and nearby buildings but no injuries, according to press reports. The Islamic Great Raiders-Front Organization (IBDA-C) claimed responsibility.* [redacted]

**17 April** *Greece: In Athens, militants set fire to two diplomatic vehicles—one belonging to the Israeli Embassy and the other to the Thai Embassy—causing severe material damage to both vehicles but no injuries, according to press reports. The Revolutionary Violence Units claimed responsibility for the incident.* [redacted]

**Middle East**

**28 March** *Israel: In Kfar Saba, a suicide bomber detonated a bomb at a bus junction, killing two persons and wounding four others, including a US citizen, according to press reports. The Izz-al-Din-al-Qassam Battalions claimed responsibility.* [redacted]

**Summary of Indigenous Terrorism—March-April 2001** [redacted]

*The incidents listed below provide an overview of indigenous terrorism worldwide* [redacted]

**Africa**

**Angola**

On 6 April in Cuito Cuanavale, rebels ambushed a vehicle, killing six persons and wounding several others, according to press reports. The *National Union for the Total Independence of Angola* is probably responsible. [redacted]

On 15 April in Dombe Grande Commune, armed rebels launched an attack, killing seven persons and kidnapping an unspecified number of others, according to press reports. The attackers looted, burned homes, and destroyed vehicles. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

**Burundi**

On 10 April in the Rubirizi area, armed militants attacked civilians, killing 80 persons, according to press reports. The *National Liberation Front* may be responsible. [redacted]

**Sierra Leone**

On 4 April in Kassiri, rebels attacked the town, killing 20 persons and destroying the community, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

**Uganda**

On 27 April in Gulu, rebels struck the town during a funeral, killing five persons, wounding four others, kidnapping eight others, and burning seven houses, according to press reports. The assailants reportedly later released one hostage. The *Lord's Resistance Army* is probably responsible. [redacted]

**Asia**

**Bangladesh**

On 14 April at an outdoor festival in Dhaka, two bombs exploded in close succession, killing nine persons. The first bomb killed seven persons, and the second bomb killed three policemen trying to assist the injured in the first explosion, according to [redacted] press reporting. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]

**Nepal**

On 7 April in Naumule, armed militants attacked a police facility, killing 32 persons—29 police officers and two private citizens—wounding 12, and kidnapping 41 others, according to press reports. The *Maoists* are probably responsible. [redacted]

On 9 April in Budichaur, an underground boobytrapped device exploded, injuring seven students, according to press reports. The *Maoists* are probably responsible. [redacted]

**Philippines**

On 18 March in Baguio, two bombs exploded in a shopping center, injuring five persons, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility. [redacted]



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**Eurasia**


**Russia**

On 23 April in Stavropol', explosive devices detonated at a cemetery, killing two persons and wounding four others, according to press reports. *Chechens* are possibly responsible 

**Tajikistan**


On 25 April in Turkabad, three children were killed and five were wounded when a bomb exploded near their homes, according to press reports. Village residents opined that the explosion was aimed at hampering the peace process. No one claimed responsibility. 

**Yugoslavia**

On 18 April in Pristina, Kosovo, a car bomb exploded outside a building housing the Belgrade Government Passport Office, killing the driver and wounding two civilians, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility. 

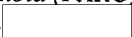
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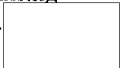
**Turkey**

On 10 April in Istanbul, gunmen wounded two police officers, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility. 

**Latin America**

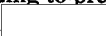
**Colombia**


On 15 April in Taraza, *Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)* attacked a village, killing some 50 persons, according to press reports. 


On 25 April in San Pedro de Uraba, suspected *FARC* rebels attacked a town, killing at least 15 persons, according to press reports. No one claimed responsibility. 


**Middle East**

**Algeria**

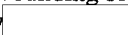
On 5 April in Djebel Bounaf, rebels attacked a group of shepherds, killing five persons, according to press reports. The *Armed Islamic Group (GIA)* is probably responsible. 

On 14 April in Ben Chicao, terrorists attacked a café, killing three persons and wounding eight others, according to press reports. The *GIA* is probably responsible. 

On 27 April in El Ghorfa, armed militants surprised a group of shepherds, killing three persons, according to press reports. The *GIA* is probably responsible. 

On 30 April in Blida, an armed group entered the community at night, killing 10 persons, according to media reports. The *GIA* is probably responsible. 

**Israel**

On 23 April in Or Yehuda, a bomb planted inside a car exploded, wounding seven persons, according to media reports. No one claimed responsibility. 

**West Bank**

On 30 April in Ram Allah, a bomb exploded in a residential neighborhood, killing three persons and wounding three others, according to media reports. No one claimed responsibility. 